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PREFACE

The first edition of this Directory was distributed in 1976, on the two-hundredth anniversary of the Carolina Circuit, the first Methodist Circuit entirely within North Carolina. Now the second edition has been prepared to coincide with the bicentennial of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, which was formed in Baltimore in December, 1784.

Much additional information has been supplied since the first publication which the reader will find included here. Joseph W. Watson of Rocky Mount, Conference Researcher, has extensively researched all Methodist deeds in order to include the earliest deed information on record. The Reverend C. Franklin Grill of Fayetteville, Conference Historian, has updated historical information from the churches and done extensive local research to establish more accurate information.

Your authors have tried by various means to establish the founding dates for all of the active churches in the North Carolina United Methodist Conference. Probably the chief source of information has been the earliest deeds that could be found for these churches. A deed is an instrument by which the ownership of property is conveyed from one person or group of persons to another.

Many of our churches have been formed recently, while others date back to the 1770's. Some of the earlier ones existed for as much as a hundred years before they ever secured a deed for the property on which they were situated. One or more other churches kept their deeds for a like period of time before they put them on record. Some invaluable early deeds were destroyed by courthouse fires, in many of which cases the earliest sources of information were quitclaim deeds from adjoining landowners.

The deeds for all identifiable Methodist Churches in the fifty-six counties comprising our Conference were abstracted until the present time, in order to ensure that no recorded deeds were overlooked. These abstracts are available on microfilm at the libraries of Duke University, Louisburg College, Methodist College, and North Carolina Wesleyan College. Also, the original typed abstracts may be found in the Archives Room at the Methodist Building in Raleigh, North Carolina. Church historians may find these a valuable source of information in compiling local church histories. And since these deeds include those for many churches which no longer exist, they may be of interest to researchers in early Methodist Church history for the area.

The membership data is that which was prepared for the 1983 edition of the Journal of the North Carolina Conference. It indicates the total membership for each of the 845 churches as of December 30, 1982 as reported by the pastor.

It is hoped that this information will be used as a resource for further study of our beginnings as well as being a record of information already established.

The North Carolina Conference Commission on Archives and History authorized and sponsored the production of this Directory. Additional copies are available from Conference Historian, 3101 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28303 at three dollars per copy. An even greater interest in and appreciation for our beginnings will hopefully develop in order to honor our dedicated ancestors without whose determination many of our churches would not exist today.

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A. Present Churches

BELLEMONT: On State Road 49 two and a half miles south of Burlington; Founded in 1883 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 17, 1887, Book 13, Page 163; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 434.

BETHEL: On County Road 1587 near the intersection of County Roads 1002 and 1593 four miles north of Burlington; Founded in 1800 and named Pyle's Meeting House according to a church history; Earliest deed January 26, 1849, Book 1, Page 50; Membership 158.

- * BETHEL: On County Road 1004 three and a half miles northeast of Snow Camp. Founded in 1836 when services began to be held in a log dwelling known as the Bobbet House according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 13, 1841, Book 30, Page 218 in Orange County Registry; A later deed February 21, 1874, Book 24, Page 101 recorded in Alamance County; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 273.
 - * BURLINGTON, DAVIS STREET: 606 East Davis Street; Founded as First Methodist Protestant Church in 1890 according to a printed history; Earliest deed April 6, 1892, Book 15, Page 289; Became Davis Street Church in 1939; Membership 1,028.
 - * BURLINGTON, EMMANUEL: 2331 La Vista Drive; Founded June 8, 1969 as a merger of Webb Avenue (founded 1893) and Trinity (founded 1952) and named Emmanuel July 7, 1974 according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for Webb Avenue Church which sold a lot March 11, 1904, Book 25, Page 235; Earliest Trinity Church deed May 29, 1952, Book 208, Page 506; Earliest Emmanuel Church deed November 5, 1968, Book 381, Page 252; Membership 709.
 - * BURLINGTON, FAITH: 1732 West Davis Street; Founded as Glen Raven Church September 7, 1907, became Faith in 1958 according to a local church history; Earliest deed is for Glen Raven Methodist Protestant Church May 13, 1918, Book 68, Page 2; Membership 302.
- BURLINGTON, FRONT STREET: Corner of Hoke Street and Front Street; Founded in 1888 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 5, 1888, Book 13, Page 271; Membership 2,034.
- * BURLINGTON, GRACE: 1899 Wilkins Street; Founded September 8, 1955 according to local church records; Earliest deed August 1, 1955, Book 237, Page 399; Membership 359.
- BURLINGTON, SAINT PAUL: 607 Trail 2; Founded as Fountain Place Methodist Protestant Church by 1922 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 19, 1922, Book 79, Page 544; Became Saint Paul on September 18, 1955 according to local church records; Earliest Saint Paul deed March 14, 1957, Book 258, Page 542; Membership 301.

ALAMANCE COUNTY

- * BURLINGTON, WEST BURLINGTON: 730 Kivett Street; Founded November 2, 1924 as a result of a January 18, 1917 organization of a Womans Missionary Society by Miss Agnes Stewart of Front Street Methodist Church according to a church history; Earliest deed is for West End Methodist Church of Burlington December 19, 1924, Book 84, Page 101; Membership 559.

- * CEDAR CLIFF: On County Road 2176 just off State Road 87 one and a half miles north of Saxapahaw; Founded in 1885 as Wesley Church according to a church history; Earliest deed April 20, 1904, Book 25, Page 394; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 217.

CHRIST: On State Road 87 two and a half miles south of Interstate 85; Founded January 1, 1959 according to church records; Earliest deed December 28, 1957, Book 258, Page 156; Membership 82.

- * CONCORD: On County Road 1005 two miles west of the Orange County line; Founded in 1832 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 15, 1835, Book 27, Page 62 in Orange County Registry; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 204.

FAIRVIEW: Just off State Road 87 in the Community of Ossipee; Founded in 1883 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed August, 1884, Book 17, Page 490; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 214.

- * FRIENDSHIP: On County Road 1130 West of State Road 49 six miles south of Burlington; Founded in 1834 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 16, 1856, Book 4, Page 478; Formerly Fogleman Schoolhouse; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 431.

- * GRAHAM, FIRST: 303 North Main Street in Graham; Founded July 12, 1896 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 16, 1896, Book 19, Page 113; Earliest deed for Methodist Protestant Church November 16, 1897, Book 19, Page 285; These two churches merged November 12, 1939; Membership 1,051.

- * HAW RIVER: On Church Street in Haw River; Founded in 1883 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for the Methodist Protestant Church of Haw River January 10, 1888, Book 13, Page 75; Earliest deed for Holts Chapel M. E. Church, South November 30, 1894, Book 17, Page 82; These two churches merged in 1942; Haw River was a preaching appointment on the Chatham Circuit July 23, 1833 at which time a Quarterly Conference was held there; An early church was in the area by 1838 according to a deed September 26, 1838, Book 28, Page 377 of Orange County Registry; Membership 381.

HEBRON: On County Road 1007 two miles south of Interstate 85 at the Orange County line; Founded in 1850 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Earliest deed December 1, 1879, Book 142, Page 542, recorded on May 18, 1943; A later deed November 22, 1906, Book 33, Page 562; Membership 313.

- * MEBANE: Corner of Holt Street and Fourth Street in Mebane; Founded as The Methodist Protestant Church in 1900 according to a church history; Earliest deed is for an M. E. Church, South, for a parsonage March 28, 1901, Book 22, Page 471; Both church and parsonage were built on this property and deeds in November, 1919, Book 69, Pages 343 and 345 separated the two; Earliest Methodist Protestant deed December 26, 1902, Book 24, Page 461; First Methodist Protestant Church and Central Methodist Church, South merged in 1941; Membership 825.
- * MOUNT HERMON: On County Road 2321 one mile southwest of State Road 87 seven miles south of Graham; Founded as a Methodist Protestant Church in 1829 according to a church history; Earliest deed reported to be November 7, 1834, Book 27, Page 145 in the Orange County Registry for one acre of land sold by Henry Foust and November 7, 1834, Book 27, Page 147 in the Orange County Registry for two acres sold by George Albright according to a church history; Membership 528.
- * PHILLIPS CHAPEL: On County Road 2153 just off State Road 54 seven miles southeast of Graham; Founded in 1849 according to local church information and a stone marker; Earliest deed 1860, Book 16, Page 451 recorded March 22, 1894; Membership 209.
- * ROCK CREEK: On County Road 2365 six miles north of the Chatham County line; Founded in 1836 according to a printed history; Earliest deed July 9, 1841, Book 35, Page 542 and recorded September 24, 1908; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 136.
- SAINT LUKE: Community of Glenco just northwest of Burlington; Founded February 12, 1961 according to church records; Earliest deed August 18, 1961, Book 293, Page 477; Glencoe Methodist Church members merged with Saint Luke in 1961; Membership 121.
- * SALEM: On County Road 2142 at the intersection of County Road 2150 two and a half miles north of Saxapahaw; Founded between 1780 and 1790 according to tradition and became Methodist affiliated by 1822 according to a printed history; Earliest deed for church property September 13, 1809, Book 13, Page 350 in Orange County Registry as Salem Meeting House to the deacons of the Presbyterian Church; Became Methodist Protestant in 1828; Membership 312.

- * SAXAPAHAW: Community of Saxapahaw; Founded as Saxapahaw Union Church about 1890 according to a church history; Earliest deed July 29, 1891, Book 15, Page 39; Property used for services for Methodist Protestant, M.E. Church, South, Quaker and Presbyterian groups; Became Saxapahaw Methodist Church in 1939; Membership 202.

SHILOH: On State Road 87 one and a half miles south of the Caswell County line; Founded about 1825 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed may be November 7, 1836, Book 29, Page 379 in Orange County Registry; Another deed November 21, 1895, Book 17, Page 561; Membership 262.

SWEPSONVILLE: On East Main Street in Swepsonville; Founded in 1887 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 17, 1887, Book 13, Page 28; Formerly Newlin Methodist Church; Membership 348.

B. Former Churches

ELON COLLEGE: Earliest deed March 6, 1922; Book 78, Page 415; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GRAHAM: Earliest deed November 16, 1897; Book 19, Page 285; Methodist Protestant.

HAW RIVER: Earliest deed November 30, 1894; Book 17, Page 82; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MEBANE: Earliest deed November --, 1919; Book 69, Page 343; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MOUNT VERNON: Earliest deed December 14, 1905; Book 31, Page 49; Methodist Episcopal.

QUEENS CHAPEL: Earliest deed April 25, 1905; Book 27, Page 594; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Deeds in Other Counties

BROWNS CHAPEL: Earliest deed February 21, 1834; Book 26, Page 87, Orange County Registry.

D. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Protestant: March 15, 1838; Book 5, Page 473.
Methodist Protestant: November 26, 1886; Book 12, Page 413.
Methodist Episcopal, South: April 24, 1891; Book 15, Page 63.
Methodist Episcopal: January 11, 1896; Book 18, Page 89.
Methodist Episcopal: September 12, 1900; Book 21, Page 561.
Methodist Episcopal, South: September 18, 1902; Book 31, Page 47.

A. Present Churches

ASBURY: On U.S. Highway 264 four miles east of Washington; Founded in 1857 according to church records; Earliest deed Janury 16, 1856, Book 29, Page 459; Membership 235.

AURORA: Town of Aurora; Founded in 1861 according to a church plaque; Earliest deed July 14, 1860 destroyed and reocrded March 20, 1879, Book 46, Page 431, Membership 155.

BATH: Town of Bath; Founded in 1826 according to History of Beaufort County, Reed; Earliest deed January 21, 1826, Book 17, Page 286; Membership 50.

BELHAVEN, TRINITY: Town of Belhaven; Founding date not reported; Earliest deed November 6, 1899, Book 103, Page 333; Membership 160.

BETHANY: Community of Winsteadville; Founded in 1859 according to local church information; White Marsh Chapel a former meeting place, built between 1812 and 1815 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 17, 1859, Book 32, Page 476 for land whereon a church then stood; Named changed to Bethany in 1859; Membership 128.

* CAMPBELL CREEK: On State Road 33 in the Campbell Creek Community; Founded in 1853 according to a local church history; Earliest deed October 20, 1853, Book 36, Page 618 and recorded June 3, 1872; Formerly Wesleys Chapel; Membership 70.

PANTEGO: Community of Pantego; Founded in 1894 according to local church information; Earliest deed is said to be recorded in Book 31 (1865 - 1888), Page 223 (This lot sold September 3, 1892, Book 90, Page 122); Another deed October 27, 1890, Book 79, Page 290; Formerly named Amity; Membership 38.

WARES CHAPEL: Market Street Extension, two miles north of Washington; Founded July 1, 1890 according to local church records; Earliest deed August 18, 1870, Book 76, Page 141; Membership 221.

* WARRENS CHAPEL: On State Road 33 at County Road 1100; Founded by 1893 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 21, 1852, Book 27, Page 150; A later deed December 4, 1893, Book 85, Page 34; Formerly Blount's Creek M.E. Church, South, became Warrens Chapel by 1941; Membership 15.

* WASHINGTON, FIRST: 304 West Second Street; Founded in 1784 by Francis Asbury through a society which met in the home of Demsey and Sarah Hinton as early as 1776 according to a local church history; Earliest deed June 9, 1806, Book 8, Page 177 for land on which a church named Potts Chapel then stood; Church constructed about 1801 and dedicated by Francis Asbury in 1803; Membership 1,265.

WHARTON TRINITY: On State Road 33 one mile east of the Pitt County line; Founded December 7, 1895 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 14, 1895, Book 91, Page 559; Membership 127.

B. Former Churches

ALLENS CHAPEL: Earliest deed December 21, 1860; Book 34, Page 555; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BONNERTON: Earliest deed May 8, 1888; Book 69; Page 96; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CHERRY RUN: Earliest deed September 8, 1896; Book 102, Page 537; Methodist.

EDWARDS MILLS: Earliest deed November 2, 1897; Book 104, Page 505; Methodist.

LEECHVILLE: Earliest deed August 5, 1892; Book 81, Page 571; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MOUNT ZION MEETING HOUSE: Earliest deed August 4, 1846; Book 23, Page 300; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW HOPE MEETING HOUSE: Earliest deed by grantor January 11, 1870; Book 35, Page 127; Methodist Episcopal, South. (Grantee deed may be July 14, 1804; Book 8, Page 299.)

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed October 22, 1872; Book 37, Page 426; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SMALL: Earliest deed February 28, 1912; Book 170, Page 380; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: July 14, 1804; Book 8, Page 299; (May be New Hope).

Methodist: November 14, 1827; Book 15, Page 286.

Methodist Episcopal, South: May 23, 1889; Book 78, Page 311.

A. Present Churches

- * AULANDER: On Commerce Street in Aulander; Founded in 1911 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 19, 1911, Book 163, Page 436; Membership 49.
- CASHIE: On County Road 1500 four miles south of Windsor; Founding date uncertain; Earliest deed may be August 31, 1878, Book TT, Page 419; Cashie Church was on the Bertie Circuit in 1811; Another deed March 24, 1924, Book 218, Page 578; Membership 22.
- COLERAIN: Town of Colerain; Founded during the summer of 1868 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed July 3, 1883, Book 54, Page 171; Membership 47.
- * LEWISTON, SAINT FRANCIS: 132 North Church Street in Lewiston; Founded by 1845 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 23, 1845, Book GG, Page 301; Membership 8.
- * POWELLSVILLE: Just off U.S. Highway 13 in the Town of Powellsville; Founded in 1878 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed September 15, 1880, Book VV, Page 518; Membership 34.
- * WINDSOR:: 407 South Queen Street; Founded in 1851 according to the "Ledger-Advance," November 28, 1968; Earliest deed September 3, 1852, Book KK, Page 168 for land on which was situated a house of worship; White Oak Church deeded October 18, 1831; Book CC, Page 671 merged with Windsor Church in 1966; Membership 296.

B. Former Churches

- EBENEZER: Earliest deed August 1, 1803; Book S, Page 746; Methodist.
- MOUNT GOULD: Earliest deed January --, 1847; Book HH, Page 315; Methodist Episcopal, South.
- ROXOBEL: Earliest deed November 12, 1909; Book 146, Page 418; Methodist Episcopal, South.
- WHITE OAK: Earliest deed October 18, 1831; Book CC, Page 671; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Unnamed Church Property

- Methodist Episcopal, South: March 12, 1882; Book XX, Page 534.

A. Present Churches

ANTIOCH: On State Road 210 near County Road 1503 one and a half miles west of Sampson County line; Founded before 1843 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 30, 1853, Book 40, Page 566; Membership 68.

BETHLEHEM: On State Road 53 in the Community of White Oak; Founded about 1803 according to connections with the Richardson family and the Reverend Samuel N. Richardson who was converted that year at the Town Creek campmeeting; Mentioned in a diary of Elizabeth Ellis Roberson in 1848; Earliest deed December 8, 1843, Book 8, Page 255; Membership 77.

BLUEFIELD: Intersection of County Roads 1710 and 1712 four and a half miles east of Clarkton; Founded as Union Methodist Church about 1880 according to local church information; Earliest church records December 4, 1883; Became Bluefield in 1955; Earliest deed October 25, 1897, Book 36, Page 130; Membership 47.

* CARVERS CREEK: On State Road 87 in Carvers Creek area; Founded as a Quaker Meeting Place about 1740 and became Methodist related between 1790 and 1800 according to local church information; Francis Asbury visited the area several times beginning in 1790; Earliest deed July 13, 1877, Book 2, Page 204; Membership 217.

* CLARKTON: On U. S. Highway 701 just north of the Town of Clarkton; Founded between 1908 and 1913 according to local church information and "The Southeastern Times;" Abbottsville Methodist Church members moved to Clarkton when that church closed; Abbottsville was deeded June 9, 1871, Book 9, Page 224 and is listed on the Elizabeth Circuit in 1889; Earliest deed November 13, 1919, Book 73, Page 28; Membership 98.

DEEMS: On State Road 53 five miles south of White Oak; Founded by 1890 according to a church deed; Originally called Deems Chappel Church; Bethel Methodist Church members moved to Deems in 1951; Bethel was deeded October 10, 1884, Book 5, Page 561; Earliest deed February 22, 1890, Book 73, Page 473; Membership 31.

LIVE OAK: On County Road 1353 just off State Road 53 one and a half miles south of Cumberland County line; Founded about 1890 in the old Live Oak School according to personal recollections; Earliest deed October 10, 1896, Book 39, Page 534; Membership 67.

MILLERS CHAPEL: On State Road 20 one mile west of State Road 87; Founded in 1919 according to a church deed; Earliest deed March 1, 1919, Book 80, Page 269 for African Methodist Zion Church; Membership 44.

- * PLEASANT GROVE: On State Road 131 three miles south of Dublin; Founded in 1903 according to a deed for Porters Chapel Church, May 13, 1903; Became Pleasant Grove in 1905; Earliest deed February 6, 1905, Book 44, Page 336; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M. E. Church; Membership 102.

PURDIE: On State Road 87 three miles south of Tar Heel; Founded by 1803 according to Francis Asbury's reported visit to the chapel; Built as a family chapel on the Purdie Plantation; Present building erected in 1844 and named Smyrna according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed April 5, 1877, Book 13, Page 558; Membership 41.

- * SINGLETARY: On State Road 410 in the Town of Dublin; Founded in 1805 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed August 1, 1811, Book 12, Page 282 for land whereon a meeting house then stood; Membership 216.

- * TRINITY: On State Road 87 in Elizabethtown; Founded about 1789 as Rehoboth according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Francis Asbury visited the community between 1785 and 1803; Earliest deed December 10, 1836, Book 22, Page 7, Membership 479.

TRINITY: On State Road 53 one mile west of Kelly; Founded November 12, 1920 according to personal recollection; Earliest deed is for Frenches Creek Church, February 16, 1921, Book 75, Page 19; Membership 34.

- * WESLEYS CHAPEL: On County Road 1153 two miles south of Elizabethtown; Founded in 1878 according to "The Bladen Journal" January 6, 1955; Known as Scotts Springs in 1879 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed is for second known location July 11, 1891; Book 36, Page 119; Membership 431.

WINDSOR: Intersection of County Road 1002 and State Road 242 four miles south of the Cumberland County line; Founded about 1809 according to a church deed; Earliest deed 1809, Book 29, Page 286 for land whereon the meeting house then stood; A church register names pastors since 1815 and members since 1828; Another deed April 27, 1844, Book 8, Page 342 was for land on which "old Windsor Church" was later built; Membership 59.

B. Former Churches

ABBOTTSBURG: Earliest deed June 9, 1871; Book 9, Page 224; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHEL: Earliest deed October 10, 1884; Book 5, Page 561; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BLADENBORO: Earliest deed July 25, 1924; Book 82, Page 1; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BLADEN SPRINGS: Earliest deed June --, ----; Book 68, Page 151; Registered in 1919; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CENTER: Earliest deed September 29, 1900; Book 40, Page 179; Methodist Episcopal, South.

COUNCIL: Earliest deed May 22, 1902; Book 41, Page 279; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FRIENDSHIP: Earliest deed October 23, 1954; Book 130, Page 177; Free Methodist.

MOUNT ZION: Earliest deed March 8, 1848; Book 28, Page 206; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A. Present Churches

ANDREWS CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 17 one and a half miles from the South Carolina State line; Founded in 1884 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed March 30, 1906, Book 17, Page 274; Membership 87.

- * BETHEL: Community of Bolivia; Founded as Little Zora in 1862 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed is for Bethel, September 10, 1907; Book 4, Page 91; Membership 144.

- * CAMP: On Main Street in Shallotte; Founded for purposes of conducting camp meetings in 1850 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed is for property known as "the Camp Ground," February 17, 1855, Book X, Page 447; Reorganized as a church in 1879; Membership 267.

CONCORD: Town of Supply; Founded in 1876 according to a church deed; Formerly Macedonia Church whose organization date is unknown but a church was built in 1855 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed July 4, 1876, Book W, Page 528; Membership 55.

DIXONS CHAPEL: On County Road 1122 three miles from Holdens Beach; Founded in 1922 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 16, 1923, Book 37, Page 466; Membership 138.

OCEAN VIEW: Corner of Trott Street and Yaupon Drive in Yaupon Beach; Founded on August 25, 1957 according to local church records; Earliest deed June 11, 1958, Book 136, Page 369; Membership 366.

SHARON: On County Road 1124 three miles west of Dixons Chapel; Founded in 1825 according to local church information; organized in 1873 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed August 25, 1939, Book 69, Page 79; Membership 114.

* SHILOH: On State Road 87 halfway between U.S. Highways 17 and 74-76; Founded in 1900 according to a church history; Earliest deed recorded November 23, 1904, Book UU, Page 573 for land for a permanent location for Shiloh Church beginning near the NW corner of the present Shiloh Church (no date on deed); Membership 88.

* TRINITY: Corner of Nash Street and Atlantic Avenue in Southport; Founded about 1798 according to a church history; originally Smithville Church and so named in Conference Minutes in 1851; Earliest deed May 2, 1889, Book GG, Page 456; Membership 478.

VILLAGE POINT: On County Road 1145 five miles south of Shalote; Founded in 1872 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 7, 1873, and recorded April 25, 1906, Book ZZ, Page 109; Membership 122.

* ZION: On U.S. Highway 17 twelve miles south of Leland in the Community of Town Creek; Founded about 1800 according to a church history; Popular campground as early as 1803 according to History of Methodism in North Carolina, Grissom; Earliest deed September 27, 1851, Book P, Page 381; Membership 196.

B. Former Churches

MACEDONIA: Earliest deed November 17, 1891; Book JJ, Page 82; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PINEY GROVE: Earliest deed October 25, 1909; Book 13, Page 546; Methodist Episcopal, South.

UNION CHAPEL: Earliest deed October 26, 1903; Book UU, Page 493; Methodist.

A. Present Churches

CAMDEN: On State Road 343 in the Town of Camden; Founded in 1877 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 17, 1877; Book FF, Page 534; Membership 183.

- * McBRIDE: Just off State Road 343 two miles southeast of South Mills; Founded as an Anglican Church named Forke Chappel in 1733 and became Methodist related in 1784 according to a church history; Francis Asbury visited the chapel on at least two occasions between 1787 and 1801; Earliest deed November 14, 1792, Book F, Page 79; Became McBride about 1800; Membership 111.
- * SHARON: On County Road 1233 two miles east of U.S. Highway 17; Founded in 1836 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 21, 1842, Book MM, Page 85 excepting and where the meeting house then stood. Another deed June 16, 1847, Book Y, Page 207; Membership 91.
- * TRINITY: On U.S. Highway 17 in the Town of South Mills; Founded about 1882 as a Sunday School according to a church history; Earliest deed August 1, 1892, Book OO, Page 564; Membership 153.

WESLEY: On State Road 343 near the Community of Old Trap; Founded in 1834 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 23, 1840, Book X, Page 46; Membership 183.

B. Former Churches

CONCORD: Earliest deed July 30, 1891; Book OO, Page 211; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * ATLANTIC: On County Road 1380 just west of U.S. Highway 70 in Atlantic; Founded in 1879 according to church membership roll; Earliest deed May 23, 1860, Book BB, Page 601; Another deed April 17, 1888 for church at Hunting Quarters, Book OO, Page 368; Formerly White Point M.E. Church, South; Membership 191.
- * BEAUFORT, ANN STREET: Corner of Ann Street and Croven Street; Founded in 1778 according to a printed history; Earliest deed June 7, 1820, Book S, Page 242 for lot No. 101 in the "Old Town of Beaufort"; Second deed December 27, 1853, Book AA, Page 277 for lot No. 71 in "Old Town" on Ann Street; Membership 969.
- * BETHLEHEM: On State Road 24 six miles east of Swansboro; Founded by 1883 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 30, 1883, Book LL, Page 44 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 113.
- * BROAD CREEK: On County Road 1122 eight miles west of the junction of U.S. Highway 70 and State Road 24; Founded about 1896 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 5, 1904, Book 1-A, Page 99; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 117.
- CEDAR ISLAND: On County Road 1307 one mile from the end; Founded in 1936 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 3, 1936, Book 86, Page 560; An earlier deed January 19, 1838, Book X, Page 539 "to the subscribers of the Meeting House at Cedar Island"; Membership 78.
- * CORE CREEK: On State Road 101 at the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge; Founded in 1870 as an interdenominational church and became Methodist Affiliated in 1948 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 17, 1936, Book 81, Page 303 to trustees of the Community Church of Core Creek; Another deed February 3, 1949, Book 123, Page 51; Membership 115.
- * HARKERS ISLAND: Community of Harkers Island; Founded in 1905 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 2, 1910, Book 11, Page 35; Second deed July 20, 1912, Book 13, Page 500 for Free Grace M.E. Church; These two churches merged in 1938; Membership 159.
- * HARLOWE: Near the junction of State Road 101 and County Road 1155; Founded by November 2, 1833 as Harlowe Creek Methodist Church according to a Quarterly Conference record; Earliest deed April 22, 1834, Book W, Page 390; A later deed November 28, 1874, Book 5, Page 199; Membership 197.

MERRIMON: Junction of County Road 1300 and 1308 in the northern part of Carteret County; Founded by 1816 according to church records and a tombstone; Earliest deed for this site 1928, Book 65, Page 369; Adams Creek Meeting House moved from the west side of Adams Creek about 1928; An earlier deed May 10, 1788 from John Parsons to Francis Asbury, Superintendent of the M.E. Church in America recorded in Book 28, Page 526, Craven County Registry, for land whereon the meeting house then stood; Membership 27.

- * MOREHEAD CITY, FIRST: Corner of Ninth Street and Arendell Street; Preaching at Shepard's Point began as early as 1797 with a chapel built as early as 1835. Organized in 1879 according to a local church history; Earliest deed June 29, 1879, Book LL, Page 531; Membership 1,255.

- * MOREHEAD CITY, FRANKLIN MEMORIAL: 1112 Arendell Street; Founded in 1882 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 17, 1890, Book RR, Page 198, Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 301.

MOREHEAD CITY, SAINT PETERS: 100 Hodges Street, Founded in 1935 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 2, 1907; Book 7, Page 71; Earliest deed for present site February 18, 1960, Book 206, Page 435; Formerly Camp Glenn Methodist Episcopal Church became St. Peters in 1962; Membership 180.

- * NEWPORT, SAINT JAMES: Corner of Orange Street and Main Street; Founded in 1886 according to a church deed; Newport Chapel was a preaching appointment on the New River Circuit as early as 1822; Earliest deed May 13, 1886, Book NN, Page 584; Membership 649.

NORTH RIVER: On U.S. Highway 70 three miles north of Beaufort; Founded in 1893 according to local church information; Earliest deed was for land on the east side of North River April 20, 1888, Book PP, Page 31 (This property sold November 11, 1903, Book 1-A, Page 590); Present site on west side of North River August 1, 1891, Book QQ, Page 327; Membership 142.

SALTER PATH: Community of Salter Path; Founded in 1895 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed July, 1891, Book QQ, Page 240 for land on Bogue Banks; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 237.

- * SEA LEVEL: Community of Sea Level; Founded in 1882 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 17, 1882, Book LL, Page 146; Formerly Manns Chapel; Membership 38.

SMYRNA: Community of Smyrna; Founded about 1886 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for Summerfield Methodist Church, July 19, 1886, Book OO, Page 372; Membership 60.

- * STACY: Community of Stacy; Founded October 1, 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 16, 1955, Book 164, Page 331; Membership 15.

STRAITS: On County Road 1335 near junction with County Road 1332 near the Community of Straits; Founded in 1778 according to Story of Methodists in the Port of Beaufort, Muse, Page 29; Earliest deed April 23, 1808, Book V, Page 80; Another deed February 20, 1895, Book SS, Page 284 is for Tabernacle M.E. Church, South Straits, N.C.; Membership 147.

- * TRINITY: Community of Marshallberg; Founded in 1875 according to church records; Earliest deed May 10, 1904; Book 13, Page 247; Formerly Star of Bethlehem M.E. Church; Membership 232.
- * TUTTLES GROVE: On State Road 101 four miles north of Beaufort; Founded September 18, 1902 according to local church records; Core Sound Meeting House used by Quakers built in 1736 and abandoned in the 1830's became Methodist Property by deed February 17, 1897, Book TT, Page 415; Named in honor of D. H. Tuttle, pastor of Ann Street Church, Beaufort who organized the church at the turn of the century according to a printed history; Earliest deed February 20, 1948, Book 118, Page 402; Membership 61.

WILLISTON: Community of Williston; Founded in 1898 according to a church history; Originally named Springfield; Earliest deed August 6, 1883, Book LL, Page 552; Membership 160.

B. Former Churches

BELLS CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 20, 1833; Book W, Page 161; Methodist.

OCEAN VIEW: Earliest deed December 12, 1934; Book 74, Page 460; Methodist Episcopal.

PORTSMOUTH: Earliest deed March 7, 1840; Book Y, Page 50; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WILDWOOD: Earliest deed January 19, 1892; Book QQ, Page 421; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: December 22, 1904; Book 3, Page 152.

A. Present Churches

- * BETHEL: On County Road 1300 near County Road 1341 four miles south of Pelham; Founded in 1884 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 28, 1885, Book RR, Page 148; Membership 237.
- * BETHEL: On County Road 1702 at the Ridgeville Community two and a half miles north of the Orange County line; Founded in 1873 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 3, 1873, Book 82, Page 331 recorded October 4, 1927; Membership 82.
- * CAMP SPRINGS: Intersection of County Roads 1146 and 1133 two miles east of the Rockingham County line; Founded in 1809 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 30, 1809; Book Q, Page 19; Membership 160.
- * CONNALLY: On County Road 1543 one mile west of State Road 119 in the northeast corner of the county; Founded in 1821, Book V, Page 286; Another deed June 28, 1824, Book W, Page 42 is for land on which Connally Meeting House then stood; Membership 45.
- * HEERON: On State Road 119 one half mile from State Road 86 in the Community of Hightower; Founded in 1910 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 28, 1829, Book AA, Page 95; Membership 40.
- * LEASBURG: On U.S. Highway 158 in the Community of Leasburg; Founded in an Anglican Church and became Methodist related by 1836 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 26, 1836, Book CC, Page 491 (This lot on which the Methodist Church was located was sold July 13, 1886, Book TT, Page 512 by the trustees of Bethany Church); Membership 206.
- * LOCUST HILL: Just south of U.S. Highway 158 in the Community of Locust Hill; Founded in 1886 according to local church information; Earliest reference to church property Spring Term of Superior Court, 1884, Book PP, Page 528 (This lot sold May 2, 1887, Book UU, Page 140); Another lot was acquired March 3, 1887, Book VV, Page 261; Membership 90.
- * MILTON: One mile north of intersection of State Roads 62 and 57 in the Town of Milton; Founded in 1890 from Connally Methodist Church according to local church information; Earliest reference to church property a deed of trust given by trustees for a lot on which the church was being erected September 20, 1889, Book WW, Page 428; Earliest recorded deed March 8, 1890, Book WW, Page 224; Membership 64.
- * NEW HOPE: On County Road 1565 just off State Road 62 six miles north of Yanceyville; Founded by tradition in 1779 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 25, 1831, Book AA, Page 15; Another deed January 22, 1859, Book II, Page 642; Membership 92.

- * PELHAM: On County Road 1352 between Old State Road 29 and New State Road 29; Founded in 1871 according to a county history; Earliest deed August 1, 1871, Book KK, Page 680; Served by the Western North Carolina Conference; Membership 123.
- * PROSPECT: On U.S. Highway 158 three miles west of Yanceyville; Founded in 1817 according to a church deed; Earliest deed April 14, 1817, Book S, Page 3 for Piney Grove; Additional deeds, September 20, 1841, Book FF, Page 251 and September 14, 1854, Book JJ, Page 576; Membership 222.
- * PURLEY: On County Road 1511 and County Road 1509 six miles north of Yanceyville; Founded about 1887 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 6, 1886, Book 54, Page 596; Congregation has ties to Harrisons Meeting House deeded January 1, 1835, Book CC, Page 193, the land known as Harrisons Camp Ground and Meeting House with the house of worship standing thereon (This land sold December 9, 1887, Book UU, Page 168); An earlier deed may be --, 1831, Registered July 27, 1831, Book AA, Page 17; Membership 136.
- * SEMORA: Intersection of State Roads 119 and 57 in the Community of Semora; Founded in 1920 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 28, 1921, Book 72, Page 477; Membership 73.
- * SHADY GROVE: On County Road 1360 two miles south of the Virginia State line; Founded in 1856 according to a church history; Earliest deed 1869, Book NN, Page 46; Another deed December 18, 1871, Book LL, Page 267 for a burial ground for Shady Grove Church; Membership 184.
- * UNION: On State Road 119 one mile south of intersection with U.S. Highway 158; Founded in 1820 according to a church deed; Earliest deed January 4, 1820, Book AA, Page 94 for land on which Union Meeting House stood; Membership 116.
- * YANCEYVILLE: Town of Yanceyville; Founded by 1834 according to a female academy deed; Earliest deed November --, 1834, Book CC, Page 119; Another deed December 31, 1845, Book GG, Page 425; A later deed August 11, 1852, Book HH, Page 536; Membership 156.

B. Former Churches

MACEDONIA: Earliest deed March 18, 1946; Book 103, Page 238; Methodist.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed April 10, 1821; Book V, Page 184; Methodist Episcopal.

PROSPECT: Earliest deed January 28, 1822, Book V, Page 435; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 4, 1864; Book JJ, Page 454.

CHATHAM COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * ASBURY: Just off U.S. Highway 15-501 two miles north of Deep River; Traditionally Francis Asbury preached in the neighborhood in 1780; Founded by 1815 when the Deep River Circuit was organized according to a reasonable estimate; Earliest deed March 13, 1838, Book A-E, Page 248; Membership 223.
- * BROWNS CHAPEL: On County Road 1545 just east of State Road 87 two miles south of Alamance county line; Founded in the fall of 1848 according to a church history; Formerly Lebanon Methodist Church; Earliest deed January 7, 1832, Book A-C, Page 270; Membership 186.
- * BUCKHORN: On State Road 42 in the Community of Corinth; Founded about 1800 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 3, 1822, Book Z, Page 26; Membership 120.
- * BYNUM: Community of Bynum; Separated from Mt. Pleasant Church in 1895 according to local church information; Founded in 1901 according to a county history; Earliest deed September 15, 1903, Book D-V, Page 161; Membership 189.
- * CARBONTON: On County Road 2306 just north of Community of Carbonton and less than a mile north of Deep River; Founded October 1, 1890 according to personal recollections; Earliest deed is for Wesley's Chapel, October 16, 1886, Book B-W, Page 185; Another deed October 1, 1890, Book C-H, Page 119 recorded as a judgment October 15, 1957, Book 250, Page 345; Membership 113.
- * CEDAR GROVE: On County Road 1540 one mile south of the Orange County line; Founded in 1806 and named Haw River Mountain according to a county history; Cedar Grove by 1817; Earliest deed March 25, 1825, Book Z, Page 384; Membership 70.
- * CENTER: On County Road 1549 one mile south of the Alamance County line; Founded at Lindley's Camp Grounds about 1850 according to a county history; Earliest deed is quit-claim April 27, 1901, Book D-P, Page 62; Anderson T. Glenn conveyed this property on January 27, 1850 according to a registration of this earlier action recorded in Book J-V, Page 133; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Became Center in 1861; Membership 135.

- * CHATHAM: On a rural road west of U.S. Highway 15-501 five miles south of Pittsboro; Founded in 1885 according to a church deed; Earliest deed May --, 1877, Book B-C, Page 515; Membership 118.
- * EBENEZER: On County Road 1008 two and a half miles south of the intersection with U.S. Highway 64; Founded in 1827 according to a county history; Earliest deed October 2, 1829, Book A-C, Page 75; Another deed October 5, 1859, Book A-M, Page 381; Membership 108.
- * FLINT RIDGE: Just off Rural Road 1352 at Alamance County line; Founded in 1830 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 4, 1875, Book A-W, Page 366; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 8.
- * GOLDSTON: Hillcrest Avenue in the Community of Goldston; Founded in 1893 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 7, 1893, Book D-N, Page 34; Membership 194.
- * HICKORY GROVE: On County Road 1301 at the Alamance County line; Founding date uncertain but believed to be about 1800 according to local church information; Earliest date on a tombstone 1822; A preaching appointment on the Orange Circuit in 1836; Earliest deed April 1, 1840, Book A-E, Page 565; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 77.
- * HICKORY MOUNTAIN: On County Road 2165 two-tenths mile south of the intersection with U.S. Highway 64; Founded in 1832 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 19, 1832, Book A-E, Page 267; Another deed July 24, 1856, Book A-K, Page 247; Membership 93.
- * HOPE: Community of Bonlee; Founded in 1873 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 15, 1876, Book D-P, Page 66, Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 55.
- * MANNS CHAPEL: Intersection of County Roads 1534 and 1568 one mile south of Orange County line; Founded about 1859 according to Conference Minutes naming John Tillet as first pastor; Began services in a log schoolhouse; Earliest deed April 19, 1888, Book C-B, Page 326; Membership 24.
- * MERONEYS: On State Road 902 two miles northeast of intersection of U.S. Highway 64 and State Road 902; Founded in 1808 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Earliest deed June 10, 1808, Book T, Page 146; Membership 162.
- * MERRITTS: On County Road 1008 just north of the Farrington Community; Traditionally Francis Asbury preached at Brother Merritt's on July 20, 1780; Founded in 1857 according to a county history; Earliest deed a judgement August, 1915, Book F-B, Page 570; Membership 138
- * MONCURE: Community of Moncure; Founded in 1890 according to a county history; Formerly Bryants Chapel as early as 1857 and named Lockwood in 1863 according to Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, Grill; Earliest deed December 12, 1892 Book E-H, Page 74; Membership 69.

- * MOUNT PLEASANT: On County Road 1532 two and a half miles north of Bynum; Founded in 1779 according to a county history listing James O'Kelly as first pastor; Earliest deed August 28, 1792, Book Z, Page 389; Another deed August 20, 1832, Book A-C, Page 333; Membership 102.
- * MOUNT VERNON: On County Road 1504 in the Community of Silk Hope; Founded in 1832 according to a county history; Earliest deed August 1, 1883, Book C-B, Page 204; Membership 234.
- * MOUNT ZION: On County Road 1012 two miles south of Pittsboro; Founded April 6, 1851 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 2, 1850, Book A-O, Page 553; Membership 40.
- * PINEY GROVE: On County Road 1362 two miles north of Siler City; Founded in May, 1850 according to local church information and a cornerstone; A preaching appointment of the Orange Circuit in 1836; Earliest deed May 21, 1860, Book A-M, Page 135; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 170.
- * PITTSBORO: 19 West Street in Pittsboro; Founded about 1815 according to a church deed; Earliest deed recorded May 18, 1815, Book U, Page 124 for land whereon a meeting house then stood; Present site deeded October 4, 1830, Book A-D, Page 12; Membership 278.
- * PLEASANT HILL: On County Road 1506 about seven miles south of Pittsboro just off junction of State Road 902 and County Road 1506; Founded in 1850 according to a church history; Formerly named Bethlehem; Earliest deed December 10, 1873, Book A-R, Page 345; Membership 129.
- * PROVIDENCE: On County Road 1176 one and a half miles south of Bonlee; Founded in 1804 according to "The Chatham News", in 1924; Earliest deed December 17, 1833, Book A-D, Page 146; Another deed September 22, 1887, Book B-W, Page 183; Membership 67.
- * SAPLING RIDGE: Intersection of County Roads 1506 and 1346 three miles north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 64 and County Road 1506; Founded in 1841 according to a county history; Earliest deed May 28, 1889, Book D-P, Page 64; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 148.
- * SILER CITY, FIRST: 121 South Chatham Avenue; Founded November 1, 1886 according to a church history; Earliest deed June 15, 1885, Book B-R, Page 56; Methodist Protestant Church of Siler City organized in March, 1894; Congregations merged March 29, 1940; Membership 667.
- * SILER CITY, WEST END: 1106 North Chatham Avenue; Founded in 1914 according to "The Sandhill Citizen", October 28, 1965; Earliest deed November 21, 1912, Book F-B, Page 26; Another deed June 10, 1957, Book 248, Page 548; Membership 153.

- * ZION: On County Road 1311 one mile southwest of U.S. Highway 421 at the Randolph County line; Founding date uncertain but may have been about 1800 according to local church information; Earliest date on a tombstone 1822; Earliest deed April 27, 1844; Book A-G, Page 200; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 8.

B. Former Churches

BRAY MEMORIAL: Earliest deed April 14, 1933; Book H-H, Page 312; Methodist Episcopal, South.

COLORED: Earliest deed September 11, 1873; Book A-R, Page 114; Methodist Episcopal.

CORINTH: Earliest deed September --, 1875; Book B-C, Page 347; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HARPERS CROSSROADS: Earliest deed March 26, 1873; Book A-R, Page 373; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HAYWOOD: Earliest deed September 8, 1859; Book A-L, Page 180; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MEADOW CREEK: Earliest deed July 18, 1916; Book F-J, Page 170; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MERRY OAKS: Earliest deed February 25, 1911, Book E-X, Page 296; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ROCKY RIVER: Earliest deed July 22, 1789; Book F, Page 263; Methodist Episcopal.

SILER CITY: (SECOND METHODIST) Earliest deed December 14, 1939; Book I-J, Page 38; Methodist Protestant.

SPRINGFIELD: Earliest deed January 24, 1880; Book B-C, Page 65; Methodist Protestant.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: February 27, 1825; Book Z, Page 338.

Methodist Episcopal: November 25, 1833; Book A-D, Page 209.

Methodist Episcopal: March 21, 1837, Book A-E, Page 59.

A. Present Churches

- * CENTER HILL: On County Road 1002 near the Community of Tyner; Founded as Skinners Meeting House by 1811 according to Register of the Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library; Earliest deed in November, 1838, Book Z, Page 598 recorded in the Perquimans County Registry, "for land whereon the meeting house now stands"; An identical deed recorded in Chowan County November, 1838, Book Q, Page 284; Membership 24.
- * EDENTON: 104 North Broad street in Edenton; Founded in 1808 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury visited Edenton as early as 1778 and ministers were appointed as early as 1793; Earliest deed May 27, 1809, Book D, Page 327; Another deed March 23, 1856, Book Q, Page 394; Present site conveyed November 10, 1892, Book C, Page 219; Formerly Sycamore Chapel; Membership 390.
- * EVANS: Intersection of State Road 32 and County Road 1223; Founded by 1811 according to local church records and the Register of the Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library; Earliest deed November 4, 1826, Book H-2, Page 477; Became Evans in 1827; Other deeds February 7, 1851, Book P-2, Page 331 and November 1, 1902, Book H, Page 195; Membership 10.

B. Former Churches

EDENTON: Earliest deed March 1, 1899; Book F, Page 84; Methodist Protestant. (Deed of Trust registered in 1896)

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: July 30, 1881; Book Y, Page 210.
Methodist Episcopal, South: January 12, 1897; Book E, Page 115.
Methodist Episcopal: February 17, 1898; Book E, Page 369.

A. Present Churches

- * BETHEL: On County Road 1006 near Bethel Community; Founded in 1865 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 23, 1903, Book A-1, Page 100; Membership 141.

BETHESDA: On County Road 1934 at the Brunswick County line; Founded in 1857 as Pleasant Savannah according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Was Bethesda by 1878; Earliest deed February 12, 1878, Book W, Page 225; Membership 191.

BOLTON: Intersection U.S. Highway 74-76 and State Road 211 in Bolton; Founded in 1905 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 21, 1908, Book T-1, Page 362; Membership 54.

BOLTON, SMITHS CHAPEL: On County Road 1800 in Town of Bolton; Founded in 1876 according to a Conference History; Earliest deed August 26, 1943, Book 166, Page 404; Membership 44.

- * CERRO GORDO: Community of Cerro Gordo; Founded in 1877 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed March 26, 1883, Book AA, Page 554; Membership 66.

- * CHADBOURN: Corner of Howard Street and Second Street in Chadbourn; Founded in 1897 according to a church history; Part of membership came from disbanded Peacock Methodist Church nearby; Earliest deed December 10, 1895, Book MM, Page 132; Membership 148.

EVERGREEN: Community of Evergreen; Founded in 1886 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 26, 1887, Book GG, Page 158; Membership 185.

- * FAIR BLUFF: Town of Fair Bluff; Founded in 1850 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 4, 1859, Book N, Page 161; Membership 150.

- * HALLSBORO: Intersection of County Road 1001 and 1904 in Hallsboro; Founded in 1910 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 11, 1910, Book FF, Page 164; Formerly Hebron Methodist Church deeded March 3, 1883, Book CC, Page 170; Membership 230.

LAKE WACCAMAW: On Lakeshore Drive in Lake Waccamaw, Founded in 1908 as Wananish Methodist Church according to a church history; Earliest deed 19--(Registered November 18, 1911, Book FF, Page 256); Became Lake Waccamaw in 1955; Deed March 10, 1956, Book 210, Page 131; Membership 232.

- * LEBANON: On U.S. Highway 701 eight miles south of Whiteville; Founded in 1825 as Duncans Chapel according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed August 8, 1859, Book N, Page 175 is for Lebanon Methodist Church; Membership 132.
- * MISHOP SPRINGS: On County Road 1437 three miles west of Whiteville; Founded in 1906 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 21, 1907, Book O-1, Page 298; Membership 134.
- OLD DOCK: On County Road 1928 near County Road 1001 in the Old Dock Community; Founded in 1878 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed May 18, 1908 Book B-2, Page 41; Membership 233.
- PEACE: On County Road 1700 five miles south of the Bladen County line; Founded in 1903 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 13, 1902, Book C-1, Page 148 is for Welches Creek Methodist Church; Membership 48.
- PIREWAY: On State Road 905 in the Community of Pireway; Founded by 1916 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 16, 1916, Book Z-Z, Page 109; Membership 28.
- * SAINT PAUL: 410 East Fifth Street in Tabor City; Founded April 21, 1908 according to church history; Earliest deed May 12, 1909, Book X-1, Page 43; Zion Methodist Church merged in 1956; Membership 237.
- * SHILOH: On County Road 1740 near State Road 211 at the Bladen County line; Founded in 1832 according to local church information; Earliest deed 1832, Book N, Page 651 and registered August 11, 1862; Membership 92.
- SHILOH: On County Road 1001 six miles south of Hallsboro; Founded in 1878 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed April 29, 1879, Book 201, Page 177; Membership 207.
- WESLEY: Town of Riegelwood; Founded March 1, 1958 according to local church records; Earliest deed April 8, 1958, Book 215, Page 387; Membership of Weyman Methodist Church merged with Wesley in 1969; Membership 142.
- * WHITEVILLE: 902 Pinckney Street in Whiteville; Founded in 1845 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 10, 1865, Book O, Page 302; Membership 662.

B. Former Churches

CHRISTIAN PLAIN: Earliest deed April 21, 1867; Book R, Page 397; Methodist.

CLARENDON: Earliest deed November 26, 1907; Book P-I, Page 38; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FREEMAN: Earliest deed October 28, 1913; Book Q-2, Page 407; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GANTS CHAPEL: Earliest deed October 19, 1901; Book ZZ, Page 24; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MOUNT NEBO: Earliest deed August 30, 1909; Book W-I, Page 289; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW BERLIN: Earliest deed March 11, 1914; Book P-2, Page 115; Methodist Episcopal, South.

REHOBETH: Earliest deed June 15, 1859; Book N, Page 182; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SWINDALS: Earliest deed August 7, 1841; Book U, Page 251; Methodist Episcopal.

VINELAND: Earliest deed July 10, 1905; Book F-I, Page 337; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WOOTENS CHAPEL: Earliest deed April 1, 1889; Book HH, Page 188; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Deeds in Other Counties

WEYMAN: Earliest deed December 20, 1840; Book M, Page 427; Brunswick County Registry; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * ASBURY: On County Road 1232 two and a half miles north of Cove City; Founded in 1868 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 15, 1868, Book 69, Page 527; Membership 173.

BEECH GROVE: On County Road 1401 (St. Ferry Road) three miles west of New Bern; Founded in 1871 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 13, 1822, Book 74, Page 48; Membership 116.

BRIDGETON: On "B" Street in the Community of Bridgeton; Founded May 3, 1904 as a mission from Centenary Church in New Bern; According to local church information; Earliest deed July 27, 1905, Book 156, Page 215; Membership 195.

CHAPMANS: On State Road 43 one and a half miles east of Pitt County line; Founded by 1885 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 18, 1885, Book 152, Page 246 and recorded in 1904; Membership 94.

CLARKS: On U.S. Highway 70 five miles west of New Bern; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 30, 1905, Book 156, Page 495; Membership 104.

DOVER: On Main Street in the Community of Dover; Founded in 1891 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 11, 1891, Book 107, Page 87; On the same date the trustees conveyed an earlier church site as directed by vote of the congregation; Book 107; Page 79; Membership 228.

EPWORTH: Intersection of State Road 118 and County Road 1458 eight miles west of Vanceboro; Founded April 2, 1893 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 5, 1890, Book 111, Page 19; Membership 168.

- * HAVELOCK, CHERRY POINT: On High School Road in the Town of Havelock; Founded November 6, 1955 according to church records; Earliest deed September 8, 1959, Book 585, Page 616; Membership 410.

HAVELOCK, FIRST: 324 Miller Boulevard; Founded in 1878 according to a printed history; Earliest deed October 14, 1886, Book 94, Page 596; Membership 613.

LANES CHAPEL: On County Road 1400 six miles west of the Neuse River Bridge; Founded in 1884 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 2, 1884, Book 214, Page 563; Membership 70.

- * LANES CHAPEL: On State Road 55 one half mile east of the Lenoir County line on the south side of the Neuse River; Founded in 1794 according to a church deed; Earliest deed to Francis Asbury and bishops in succession, April 17, 1794 and recorded December, 1805, Book 36, Page 689 for land on which Cox's Meeting House then stood; Called Lanes Meeting House by 1815; Membership 138.

* NEW BERN, CENTENARY: Corner of Middle Street and New Street; Joseph Pilmore began holding services on December 25, 1772 followed by other itinerants; Congregation organized and a church built in 1802 according to a printed history; Earliest deed to Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury bishops October 9, 1795, Book 32, Page 535 (Fuller description of property in a deed January 12, 1888, Book 97, Page 186); Formerly called Andrews Chapel; Membership 1,314.

NEW BERN, GARBER: 4201 Country Club Road; Founded November 8, 1959 according to a printed history; Earliest deed July 10, 1958, Book 567, Page 24; Membership 714.

NEW BERN, RIVERSIDE: 405 Avenue "A"; Founded in 1912 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 23, 1915, Book 210, Page 354; Membership 437.

NEW BERN, TRINITY: 811 Simmons Street; Founded in 1953 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 22, 1954, Book 504, Page 159; Membership 638.

OAK GROVE: On County Road 1700 four miles north of State Road 101 and south of Neuse River in southeastern quadrant of the county; Founded in 1884 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 4, 1884, Book 94, Page 420 for land whereon Bectons Chapel then stood; Bectons was on the New River Circuit in 1821; Membership 62.

RHEMS: On U.S. Highway 17 eight miles south of New Bern; Founded in 1909 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 1, 1909, Book 195, Page 593; Membership 117.

* RIVERDALE: On U.S. Highway 70 eight miles east of New Bern; Founded in 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 28, 1870, Book 71, Page 339; Formerly Brices Creek Methodist Church; Membership 160.

TUSCARORA: On County Road 1234 just south of the Community of Tuscarora; Founded in 1887 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 8, 1887, Book 96, Page 432; Membership 21.

* VANCEBORO: On Farm Life Avenue in the Town of Vanceboro; Founded in 1878 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 11, 1886, Book 94, Page 575; Membership 235.

B. Former Churches

COVE CITY: Earliest deed January 15, 1891; Book 104, Page 267; Methodist Episcopal, South.

JUNIPER CHAPPEL: Earliest deed February 1, 1885, Book 91, Page 429; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW BERN: Earliest deed October 4, 1888; Book 116, Page 20; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: September 24, 1887, Book 97, Page 335.
Methodist Episcopal, South: May 16, 1891; Book 105, Page 387.
Methodist Episcopal: April, 19, 1903; Book 147, Page 276.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * BETHANY : On County Road 1844 four miles north of Stedman; Founded in August, 1848 as Camp Ground Church according to local church information; Earliest deed January 12, 1864, Book 58, Page 641, recorded July 4, 1870; Originally called Camp Ground, became Bethany by 1852; Membership 54.
- * BLACKS CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 301 three miles south of the Harnett County line; Founded in 1876 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 7, 1877, Book 65, Page 92; Membership 71.
- * COKESBURY: On State Road 24 in the Town of Stedman; Founded in 1853 according to local church information; A preaching appointment in the Sampson Circuit in 1852; Earliest deed July 3, 1877, Book 65, Page 572; Membership 313.

CUMBERLAND: On George Owen Road in the Community of Cumberland; Founded for camp meeting purposes in 1841 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 1, 1876, Book 65, Page 203 for land near the southwest corner of the church; Originally Beaver Creek, became Cumberland in 1922; Membership 219.

FAYETTEVILLE, CALVARY: 1955 Ireland Drive; Founded April 27, 1904 as Lewis Chapel according to local church information; Earliest deed June 22, 1904, Book 125, Page 498; Congregation relocated in 1975 with Asbury Church, founded in 1964; Membership 274.

- * FAYETTEVILLE, CAMP GROUND: On Camp Ground Road just off U.S. 401 By-Pass; Founded in 1841 according to local church information and "The Fayetteville Observer", October 10, 1969; Earliest deed is for Beaver Creek Campground, January 5, 1858; Book 54, Page 260 for land including the church, graveyard and arbor; Became Camp Ground Church in 1861; Membership 1,068.

- * FAYETTEVILLE, CHRIST: 3101 Raeford Road; Founded as a Sunday School outpost on October 25, 1953 and organized February 13, 1955 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 25, 1955, Book 673, Page 86; Membership 401.

FAYETTEVILLE, CULBRETH MEMORIAL: On Sloan Avenue; Founded October 17, 1940 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 20, 1940, Book 425, Page 123; Originally Downing Street Methodist Church, became Culbreth Memorial in 1953; Earliest deed for Culbreth Memorial September 29, 1954, Book 647, Page 194; Membership 209.

FAYETTEVILLE, GARDNERS: 4555 Rosehill Road; Founded as a Sunday School movement at Gardners School House in 1885 from Hay Street Church according to local church information and Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, Grill; Earliest deed 1920, Book 270, Page 628 recorded September 20, 1920 for land including the Gardners School House; Another deed December 22, 1964, Book 1095, Page 663; Membership 398.

FAYETTEVILLE, HAYMOUNT: 1700 Fort Bragg Road; Founded September 18, 1945 and organized November 28, 1945 according to a church history; Earliest deeds indexed Haymount were for a parsonage May 6, 1903, Book 120, Page 629 and for a church lot May 11, 1926, Book 332, Page 444 (This church lot was sold to Hay Street Church in 1937, Book 399, Page 342); Membership 1,582.

FAYETTEVILLE, HAY STREET: Corner of Hay Street and Ray Street; Founded in 1808 according to a church history; Earliest deed June 5, 1834, Book 40, Page 446; Membership 1,368.

- * FAYETTEVILLE, JOHN WESLEY: 616 Cumberland Street; Founded in 1925 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed is for Fayetteville Mission of M.E. Church at Stewarts Hill, October 11, 1927, Book 357, Page 44; Became Wesley Chapel by 1930, Book 353, Page 35 and John Wesley by 1954; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 464.

FAYETTEVILLE, JOHNSON MEMORIAL: 306 McArthur Road; Founded in 1940 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Earliest deed is for Pine Forest Methodist Church July 18, 1940, Book 422, Page 169; Johnson Memorial by April 9, 1953, Book 611, Page 300; Membership 248.

- * FAYETTEVILLE, PERSON STREET: 511 Person Street; Founded August 27, 1883 as Campbellton Mission according to a church history; Earliest deed February 24, 1886, Book 79, Page 641; Became Person Street in 1911; Membership 233.

* FAYETTEVILLE, SAINT ANDREWS: 5804 Raleigh Road; Founded in 1841 as a preaching appointment at Carvers Creek, by 1845 meeting at Longhill School, became Saint Andrews in 1849 according to Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, Grill; Earliest deed August 25, 1873, Book 82, Page 141 for land whereon the church and graveyard were located; Membership 362.

* FAYETTEVILLE, SAINT MATTHEWS: 200 Hope Mills Road; Founded November, 1956 according to a church history; Earliest deed June 3, 1858, Book 756, Page 70; Membership 357.

* FAYETTEVILLE, SALEM: 2171 Middle Road; Founded 1848 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 20, 1851; Book 52, Page 466 indicating that a church stood thereon; Originally named Flea Hill; Membership 606.

FAYETTEVILLE, TRINITY: Raeford Road just west of Graham Road; Founded by the appointment on June 26, 1966 of a minister and organized as Arron Lake on May 7, 1967 according to local church records; Earliest deed July 1, 1967, Book 2045, Page 107; Became Trinity in 1976; Membership 200.

* FAYETTEVILLE, VICTORY: Corner of Southern Avenue and Quality Road; Founded in 1922 and reorganized May 23, 1943 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 10, 1943, Book 445, Page 148; Another deed March 3, 1948, Book 519, Page 136; Membership 255.

* FAYETTEVILLE, WESLEY HEIGHTS: Corner of Trinity Drive and Quincey Street; Founded September 29, 1946 according to local church records; Earliest deed October 30, 1946, Book 496, Page 345; Membership 259.

* HOPE MILLS, COTTON: On Cameron Road one half mile from U.S. Highway 301 five miles south of Fayetteville; Founded in 1890 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 21, 1893, Book 96, Page 23 for land including the church building; Membership 154.

* HOPE MILLS: 3771 Legion Road in Hope Mills; Founded in 1901 according to a church history; Earliest deed is for a parsonage July 4, 1904, Book 125, Page 149; Church deed November 27, 1907, Book 144, Page 276; Membership 394.

MARVIN: On State Road 87 three miles north of the Bladen County line; Founded in 1873 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 2, 1878, Book 68, Page 185; Membership 119.

* PARKERS GROVE: On State Road 217 in the Community of Linden; Founded in 1875 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 18, 1875, Book 63, Page 218; Membership 121.

* SPRING LAKE: On State Road 87 in the Town of Spring Lake; Founded as a Sunday School November 1, 1953 and organized January 17, 1954 according to a church history; Earliest deed February 5, 1954, Book 635, Page 4; Membership 129.

TABOR: Intersection of County Roads 2229 and 2023 three miles southwest of Cedar Creek; Founded in 1831 according to "Fayetteville Observer", May 27, 1977; Earliest deed (Tabor) January 27, 1880, Book 82, Page 381; An earlier deed may be April --, 1831, Book 39, Page 372; Formerly named Tere Benith; Gray's Chapel merged about 1917; Membership 71.

B. Former Churches

FAYETTEVILLE: Earliest deed December 31, 1888; Book 86, Page 405; Methodist Episcopal.

FAYETTEVILLE: Earliest deed March 11, 1851; Book 50, Page 282; Methodist Protestant.

FAYETTEVILLE: Earliest deed June 18, 1857; Book 59, Page 409; Negro Methodist Episcopal.

FAYETTEVILLE, LYON MEMORIAL: Founded June 30, 1955.

FAYETTEVILLE, SAINT JOHN: Founded June 25, 1959.

FAYETTEVILLE, TRINITY: Organized June 4, 1967.

GRAYS CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 13, 1909; Book 55, Page 101; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed January 1, 1833; Book 42, Page 383; Methodist Episcopal, South.

UNION GROVE: Earliest deed March 7, 1908; Book 144, Page 83; Methodist Episcopal, South.

TRANTHAMS CREEK: Earliest deed October 14, 1875; Book 64, Page 376; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * HEBRON: On U.S. Highway 158 one mile south of Jarvisburg; Founded in 1854 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 15, 1854, Book 27, Page 326; Membership 69.
- * KNOTTS ISLAND: On State Road 615 two miles south of the Virginia State line; Founded in 1811 according to local church information; A "free Church" may have existed before 1832 and was torn down at that time to make room for a Methodist Church which was not built before 1842 according to a local history; Earliest record of organization July 24, 1886, Book 38, Page 321; Knotts Island Church is served by the Virginia Conference; Membership 175.
- * MOUNT ZION: On U.S. Highway 158 near the Community of Grandy; Founded in 1775 according to local church information; Earliest deed 1938, Book 70, Page 311; Believed to be on the location of an Anglican Church named Narrows Chapel; Membership 99.
- * MOYOCK: On State Road 168 in the Community of Moyock; Founded by tradition prior to 1810 and reestablished in 1820 but it was not until 1855 that a church was built according to a county history; Earliest deed registered on August 13, 1912, Book 52, Page 239; Membership 259.
- * PERKINS: On State Road 168 two miles north of Shawboro; Founded in 1850 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 24, 1850, Book 25, Page 405; Membership 168.
- * PILMOOR MEMORIAL: Just off State Road 34 in the Community of Currituck; Founded as Baxters Grove and became Pilmoor Memorial in 1928 according to a county history; Earliest deed September 29, 1860, Book 28, Page 419; Present site October 1, 1927, Book 63, Page 259; Membership 246.
- * SHARON: On State Road 3 in the Community of Poplar Branch; Founding date reported to be unknown; Earliest deed October 24, 1905, Book 47, Page 450; Membership from Ebenezer Methodist Church merged with Sharon after the church burned in 1952 according to local church information; Membership 161.

B. Former Churches

ASEBURY: Earliest deed January 15, 1846; Book 24, Page 574; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CURRITUCK INLET: Earliest deed October 7, 1889; Book 39, Page 410; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EBENEZER: Earliest deed February 22, 1841; Book 23, Page 150; Methodist Episcopal. South.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL: Earliest deed May 14, 1791; Look 6, Page 164; Possibly Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Possibly Methodist: August 6, 17--; Book 2, Page 134; Registered 1769.

Methodist: February 22, 1813; Book 12, Page 141.

DARE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BETHANY: Community of Wanchese; Founded by 1848 and named Lower Roanoke Island according to Sketch of Methodism in Dare County, Duke University Library; Earliest deed is to Bethany Church M.E.S. Religious Society, September 2, 1875, Book A, Page 275; Membership 347.

* BUXTON: On State Road 12 in the Community of Buxton; Founded in 1881 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 4, 1893, Book D, Page 346; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 153.

CLARK BETHEL: On State Road 12 in the Community of Salvo; Founded in 1886 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 25, 1892, Book E, Page 183; Membership 22.

COLINGTON: On Colington Island; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed 1888, Book C, Page 274, signed January 2, 1889; Membership 57.

DUCK: Community of Duck; Founded in 1921 according to local church information; First appears in North Carolina Conference Minutes in 1926; Earliest deed January 4, 1927, Book 7, Page 188; Formerly Grace Church; Membership 101.

EAST LAKE: On U.S. Highway 64 four miles southeast of Alligator River; Founded by 1848 and named Alligator Lake according to Sketch of Methodism in Dare County, Duke University Library; Possibly called Lake Church in 1860 (Currituck Mission), Became East Lake by 1887; Earliest deed October 7, 1848, Book 20, Page 42 in Tyrrell County Registry; Another deed September 1, 1887, Book F, Page 308; Membership 19.

FAIR HAVEN: On State Road 12 between Rodanthe and Waves; Founded about 1895 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 15, 1879, Book A, Page 472; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 83.

- * FRISCO: On State Road 12 between Buxton and Hatteras; Founded about 1880 according to an historical sketch of the church; Earliest deed August 17, 1881, Book A, Page 616; Named Little Grove Church; Membership 53.
- * HATTERAS: On State Road 12 in the Town of Hatteras; Founded in 1851 according to local church records; First named in the Conference Minutes in 1845; Earliest deed May 10, 1877, Book A, Page 480; Membership 279.
- * KITTY HAWK: Community of Kitty Hawk; Founded in 1858 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for Boaz Methodist Church at Kitty Hawk January 16, 1904, Book 47, Page 375 in Currituck County Registry; Membership 567.

MOUNT CARMEL: Community of Manns Harbor; Founded about 1800 according to local church information; Preaching appointment called Lower Croatan on the Currituck Circuit in 1848; Earliest deed November 25, 1886, Book C, Page 13; Was Mount Carmel by 1949; Membership 168.

MOUNT OLIVET: 302 Ananias Dare Street in Manteo; Founded by 1887 according to local church information; Preaching appointment on Roanoke Island and Dare Circuit in 1884; Earliest deed May 25, 1887, Book B, Page 525; Mount Olivet by 1945; Membership 733.

SAINT JOHN: Off State Road 12 in the Community of Avon; Founded in 1880 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Earliest deed is for South Banks Methodist Church, August 13, 1889, Book C, Page 319; Membership 143.

SHILOH: Community of Stumpy Point; Founded by 1848 according to Sketch of Methodism in Dare County, Duke University Library; Earliest deed September 17, 1838, Book 19, Page 388, in Tyrrell County Registry; Another deed June 9, 1868, Book 23, Page 112 in Tyrrell County Registry; A later deed May 15, 1888, Book C, Page 510; Shiloh by 1927; Membership 127.

B. Former Churches

AVON: Earliest deed June 18, 1898; Book G, Page 134; Methodist Episcopal.

HATTERAS: Earliest deed May 18, 1889; Book C, Page 471; Methodist Episcopal.

NAGS HEAD: Earliest deed February 22, 1894; Book D, Page 300; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Deeds in Other Counties

MILL TAIL: Earliest deed November 4, 1850; Book 21, Page 139, Tyrrell County Registry.

DUPLIN COUNTY

- * BETHEL: On County Road 1505 one mile north of county Road 1004 and two miles north of Summerlin; Founded in 1900 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 2, 1901, Book 67, Page 533; Membership 105.
- * BEULAVILLE: 300 Lee Avenue in Beulaville; Founded in 1958 and organized January, 1959 according to "Kenansville: Duplin Times", May 26, 1966; Earliest deed May 12, 1959, Book 521, Page 40 Membership 25.

CARLTON: On County Road 1105 four miles west of Magnolia; Founded in 1790 according to a county history; Carltons Meeting House was a preaching place on the Black River Circuit in 1815; Earliest deed May 8, 1841, Book 18, Page 378; Membership 91.

CHARITY: Charity Crossroads on State Road 11 four miles east of Rose Hill; Founded by 1790 according to a deed August 22, 1790, Book E, Page 372 for land whereon the church then stood on Carr's Branch; Another deed August 13, 1815, Book V, Page 453; Charity was a preaching place of the Black River Circuit in 1815; Membership 46.

- * FAISON: Corner of Center Street and Solomon Street in Faison; Founded in 1885 according to a deed and local church records; Earliest deed November 2, 1885, Book 35, Page 715; Membership 247.

- * FRIENDSHIP: On County Road 1304 five miles northeast of Warsaw in the Community of Friendship; Founded in 1884 according to local church membership rolls; Earliest deed July 11, 1901, Book 67, Page 396; Membership 91.

- * KENANSVILLE: On Rutledge Street in Kenansville; Founded in 1858 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 24, 1858, Book 22, Page 473; Membership 109.

- * MAGNOLIA: On Main Street in Magnolia; Founded about 1854 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed March 22, 1856, Book 21, Page 719; Membership 123.

PROVIDENCE: Junction of County Roads 1135 and 1154 near the Pender County line; Founded in February, 1828 according to a church deed and local church information; Providence Meeting House was a preaching place on the Black River Circuit in 1815; Earliest deed February 23, 1828, Book 1, Page 109 for land whereon a meeting house then stood; Membership 10.

- * RONES: Junction of County Road 1004 and 1501 near the Wayne County line; Founded in 1839 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 30, 1891, Book 47, Page 33; Membership 280.
- * ROSE HILL: 306 East Church Street in Rose Hill; Founded in 1895 according to a printed history; Earliest deed September 13, 1895, Book 51, Page 299; Membership 269.
- SARECTA: Community of Sarecta; Founded in 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 29, 1958, Book 564, Page 537; Membership 84.
- * UNITY: Intersection of County Roads 1300 and 1301 five miles east of Warsaw; Founded in 1946 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 8, 1947, Book 444, Page 387; Membership 71.
- * WALLACE: 301 South College Street in Wallace; Founded in 1884 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 8, 1883, Book 35, Page 265 for a Methodist Church in the Town of Duplin Cross Roads changed to Wallace before 1899; Membership 312.
- WARSAW: 101 East Plank Street in Warsaw; Founded November 8, 1887 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 10, 1888, Book 39, Page 200; Membership 326.
- * WESLEY: On State Road 11 five miles east of Kenansville; Founded in 1821 according to a deed and local church information; Organized at Dark Branch School House which was an appointment on the Black River Circuit as early as 1815; Earliest deed October 13, 1821, Book 8-A, Page 202 for land whereon the meeting house and school-house then stood; Became Wesley Chapel in 1844 when a new church was built; Membership 41.
- * WOODLAND: Junction of County Roads 1500 and 1501 one mile north of State Road 11, Founded in 1903 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 15, 1904, Book 88, Page 197; Membership 147.

B. Former Churches

ALUM SPRINGS: Earliest deed November 20, 1905; Book 96, Page 160; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HALLSVILLE: Earliest deed November 16, 1895; Book 51, Page 336; Methodist Episcopal, South

LEE: Earliest deed December 15, 1915; Book 169, Page 400; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CALYPSO: Earliest deed September 27, 1919; Book 207, Page 496; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: April 17, 1858; Book 22, Page 397.

A. Present Churches

- * ANDREWS: On County Road 1906 one mile west of the Wake County line; Founded in 1843 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 21, 1846, Book 18, Page 164 in Wake County Registry; A later deed July 28, 1927, Book 90, Page 72 in Durham County Registry; Membership 97.
- * DURHAM, ALDERSGATE: Corner of Duke Street and Horton Road; Founded January 8, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest deed is for a parsonage November 25, 1958, Book 253, Page 608; Church deed December 31, 1958, Book 254, Page 694; Membership 354.
- * DURHAM, ASBURY: Corner of Markham Avenue and Clarendon Street; Founded in 1894 according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 19, 1896, Book 16, Page 558; A later deed June 4, 1926, Book 83, Page 483; Formerly West Durham Methodist Church, became Asbury in 1944; Membership 996.
- * DURHAM, ASBURY TEMPLE: Corner of Lawson Street and Wabash Street; Founded in January, 1947 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for Cosmopolitan Methodist Church, September 22, 1951, Book 204, Page 108; Became Asbury Temple in 1954; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 69.
- * DURHAM, BETHANY: 2809 Guess Road; Founded in 1892 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 27, 1892, Book 13, Page 433; Originally Warrens Chapel, was Bethany by 1927; Membership 650.
- * DURHAM, BETHESDA: 2305 South Miami Boulevard; Founded August 25, 1957 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 17, 1960, Book 264, Page 396; Membership 108.
- * DURHAM, BRANSON MEMORIAL: Corner of Alston Avenue and Angier Avenue; Founded in 1897 according to "Durham County Methodist Churches," Coman; Earliest deed November 21, 1904, Book 31, Page 497 for land whereon the church then stood; An identical deed recorded in Book 44, Page 180; Branson Church became Branson Memorial in 1923; Membership 129.
- * DURHAM, CALVARY: Corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street; Founded as a Sunday school mission about 1880 and became Methodist affiliated in 1902 according to a printed history; Earliest deed January 31, 1906, Book 34, Page 145 for Mangum Street Methodist Church; Became Calvary in 1916; Membership 397.
- * DURHAM, CARR: Corner of East Main Street and Driver Street; Founded as East End Mission in December, 1885 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; East End Mission organized as Carr, August 26, 1886; Earliest deed December 30, 1886, Book 7, Page 167; Membership 537.

- * DURHAM, DUKES CHAPEL: 807 Old Oxford Road; Founded in 1840 on the plantation on William J. Duke according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for Mount Hebron Methodist Church, December 31, 1879, Book 46, Page 315 in Orange County Registry; Another deed July 31, 1885, Book 3, Page 594 in Durham County Registry; Became Dukes Chapel in 1885; Membership 322.
- * DURHAM, DUKE MEMORIAL: Corner of West Chapel Hill Street and Duke Street; Founded as West End Mission in December, 1885 and became Main Street Church in 1886 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed May 14, 1886, Book 6, Page 387; Was Memorial Methodist Church in 1907 and became Duke Memorial in 1925; Membership 1,740.

DURHAM, EPWORTH: 3002 Hope Valley Road; Founded February 2, 1952 according to local church records; Earliest deed January 29, 1953, Book 213, Page 34; Membership 1,034.
- * DURHAM, GLENDALE HEIGHTS: 908 Leon Street; Founded July 19, 1959 and organized September 13, 1959 according to local church records; Earliest deed is for a parsonage February 12, 1960, Book 264, Page 697; Church deed December 27, 1960, Book 272, Page 380; Membership 405.
- * DURHAM, LAKEWOOD: Corner of Chapel Hill Road and Huron Circle; Founded as a result of a Sunday school mission in 1909 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 6, 1911, Book 43, Page 308; Membership 240.
- * DURHAM, MASSEYS CHAPEL: On Fayetteville Road near the Chatham County line; Founded in 1855 according to "Durham County Methodist Churches," Coman; Earliest deed April 4, 1856, Book 10, Page 543; Membership 37.
- * DURHAM, MAYBROOK: On Riddle Road near Ellis Road; Founded in 1949 according to "Durham County Methodist Churches," Coman; Earliest deed August 18, 1947, Book 175, Page 494; Membership 24.
- * DURHAM, McMANNEN: 4110 Neal Road; Founded about 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 1, 1878, Book 47, Page 403 and recorded March 28, 1914 in Durham County Registry; Membership 415.
- * DURHAM, MOUNT SYLVAN: 5731 Roxboro Road; Founded in 1885 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 23, 1891, Book 20, Page 595; Membership 744.
- * DURHAM, PARKWOOD: 5123 Revere Road; Founded October 8, 1961 according to local church records; Earliest deed October 7, 1963, Book 296, Page 706; Membership 441.
- * DURHAM, SAINT PAUL: 2700 Roxboro Road; Founded in 1943 and organized March 5, 1944 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 16, 1944, Book 151, Page 384; Membership 481.

- * DURHAM, TRINITY: Corner of Church Street and Liberty Street; Founded about 1830 as a small day school at Orange Grove according to "History of Methodism in Durham," Childs, and became Methodist related as a church in 1832; Earliest deed April 25, 1832, Book 26, Page 300 in Orange County Registry; A later deed in Orange County November 24, 1860, Book 36, Page 315 and another in Durham County December 1, 1860, Book 2, Page 264; Originally called Orange Grove Church, later Durham Church, became Trinity in 1886; Membership 996.
- * DURHAM, WELLONS VILLAGE: Between Gary Street and Raynor Street near Miami Boulevard; Founded September 29, 1957 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for a parsonage December 9, 1957, Book 247, Page 152; Church deed July 18, 1960, Book 269, Page 15; Membership 114.
- * ELLIS CHAPEL: On County Road 1616 at Lake Michie; Founded September 28, 1901 according to local church information; Earliest deed is for a parsonage April 12, 1919, Book 58, Page 171; Church deed May 14, 1930, Book 101, Page 573; Membership 153.
- * FLETCHERS CHAPEL: On County Road 1814 two miles north of State Road 98; Founded in 1825 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 9, 1839, Book 8, Page 153 recorded December 16, 1887; Membership 336.
- * MOUNT BETHEL: Intersection of County Roads 1615 and 1616 in the Bahama Community; Founded as Crossroads Meeting House about 1750 and became Methodist related as Mount Bethel in 1808 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 5, 1812, Book 17, Page 370 in Orange County Registry; Another deed March 6, 1883, Book 2, Page 186 in Durham County Registry; Membership 279.
- * MOUNT TABOR: On County Road 1607 three miles northeast of the Bahama Community; Founded in 1873 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 1, 1888, Book 134, Page 10 recorded August 4, 1939 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 122.
- * RIVERVIEW: On County Road 1628 one mile east of U.S. Highway 501; Founded in 1898 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 2, 1899, Book 21, Page 222 for land whereon the church then stood; Formerly Orange Factory Methodist Church as early as 1884; Membership 21.
- * ROUEMONT: On U.S. Highway 15-501 in Rougemont; Founded about 1875 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 7, 1891, Book 12, Page 47; Membership 88.
- * UNION GROVE: On U.S. Highway 15-501 three miles south of Rougemont; Founded in 1924 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 20, 1929, Book 76, Page 341; Membership 63.

B. Former Churches

PEARL MILL: Earliest deed July 12, 1922; Book 66, Page 139; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SAINT JOHN: Earliest deed March 25, 1954; Book 215, Page 602; Methodist.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BATTLEBORO: Town of Battleboro; Founded in 1878 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 22, 1805, Book 11, Page 521; Formerly "Free Church," Methodist Protestant property in the Nash County portion of Battleboro given by oral agreement was sold June 18, 1875, Book 38, Page 500, Nash County Registry; Membership 173.

CONETOE: On Hicks Street in the town of Conetoe; Founded in 1890 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 1, 1893, Book 80, Page 364; Membership 115.

- * McKENDREE: Intersection of County Roads 1222 and 1224 three miles southwest of Tarboro; Founded by 1875 according to a county history; Earliest deed March 28, 1891, Book 70, Page 500 for land whereon the church and cemetery are located; Membership 32.

PINETOPS: Town of Pinetops; Founded in 1903 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 2, 1905, Book 128, Page 75; Membership of Sparta Church (standing in 1873) and St. Marys Church in St. Louis (1891) united with Pinetops Church in 1905; Membership 194.

- * ROCKY MOUNT, CLARK STREET: Corner of Redgate Street and Clark Street; Founding date not reported; Earliest deed is for Baraca Church, September 20, 1909, Book 140, Page 467; Adjoining lot acquired by Clark Street Church, November 13, 1913, Book 172, Page 18; Baraca Church conveyed original lot to Clark Street Church February 23, 1920, Book 223, Page 69; Membership 368.
- * SPEIGHT: Intersection of County Roads 1409 and 1435 about six miles east of Battleboro; Founded 1877 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 20, 1900, Book 99, Page 580 for land where a Methodist Protestant Church and burial ground were located; Membership 69.

TARBORO, HART: 201 Virginia Street; Founded August 2, 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 1, 1955, Book 571, Page 87; May have formerly been Deans Chapel established before 1891 at the old Tarboro Cotton Mills according to a county history, January 26, 1891, Book 70, Page 308; Membership 112.

- * TARBORO, SAINT JAMES: 211 East Saint James Street; Founded in 1782 by Edward Dromgoole and Jesse Lee; Francis Asbury preached in the courthouse in 1796; Chapel dedicated by Asbury February, 1802 according to a printed church history; The Virginia Conference met in Tarboro in 1809; Earliest deed April 21, 1854, Book 26, Page 481; Became Saint James by July 8, 1904; Membership 715.

TEMPERANCE HALL: Intersection of County Roads 1003 and 1124 at the Wilson County line; Founded as an interdenominational church at the beginning of the nineteenth century with the Sons of Temperance meeting in the hall upstairs according to a county history; Dr. John R. Mercer bequeathed the building to the Methodist Society in his will probated November 26, 1894, Will Book H, Page 304; Membership 145.

B. Former Churches

BETHESDA: Earliest deed September 26, 1854; Book 26, Page 421; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EPWORTH: Earliest deed August --, 1891; Book 76, Page 26; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MARYS CHAPEL: Earliest deed August --, 1891; Book 80, Page 344; Methodist Episcopal, South.

OLD SPARTA: Earliest deed February 9, 1878; Book 42, Page 534; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ROCKY MOUNT: Earliest deed November 23, 1911; Book 160, Page 65; Methodist Protestant.

SARATOGA: Earliest deed January 2, 1833; Book 21, Page 253; Methodist.

WHITAKERS: Earliest deed August 10, 1881; Book 53, Page 211; Methodist Protestant.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: July 5, 1806; Book 12, Page 392.

Methodist Episcopal, South: January 18, 1854; Book 26, Page 435.

Methodist Protestant: August 21, 1869; Book 30, Page 758.

A. Present Churches

BUNN: On State Road 39 in the Community of Bunn; Founded in 1914 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 29, 1914, Book 199, Page 410; Membership 96.

- * EBENEZER: On County Road 1211 one mile east of Franklinton; Founded between 1836 and 1839 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 9, 1839, Book 28, Page 109; Membership 89.

FRANKLINTON: North Main Street in Franklinton; Founded by 1844 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February, 1844, Book 29, Page 1; Membership 280.

HILL KING: On State Road 39 three miles south of Louisburg; Founded in 1841 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 6, 1841, Book 29, Page 352; Prior to 1939 named Prospect; Membership 147.

LEAHS: On U.S. Highway 401 five and a half miles south of Louisburg; Founded March, 1876 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 10, 1876, Book 43, Page 570; Membership 22.

LOUISBURG: 402 North Main Street in Louisburg; Founded in 1802 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 16, 1830, Book 26, Page 244; Membership 475.

PINEY GROVE: On County Road 1414 three miles northeast of Louisburg; Founded by 1886 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 24, 1886, Book 71, Page 597; Membership 88.

- * SHILOH: On County Road 1001 six miles north of Bunn; Founded in 1870 according to a printed history; Earliest deed July 16, 1892, Book 92, Page 264; Membership 34.

- * TRINITY: On U.S. Highway 401 five and a half miles north of Louisburg; Founded in 1837 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 26, 1872, Book 38, Page 152; Earliest church records date from 1876; Membership 230.

WESLEY CHAPEL: On County Road 1203 near State Road 56 two miles west of Franklinton; Founded in 1853 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 13, 1853 recorded in Granville County Registry Book 17, Page 263 stating the land as located in Granville County, rerecorded in Franklin County, Book 530, Page 188; Membership 53.

B. Former Churches

BELFORD: Earliest deed October 1, 1858; Book 39, Page 399; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GOOD HOPE: Earliest deed April 3, 1913; Book 192, Page 361; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SALEM CHAPEL: Earliest deed February 28, 1826; Book 26, Page 80; Methodist Episcopal.

SEREPTA: Earliest deed June 4, 1891; Book 87, Page 346; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WOOD: Earliest deed February 10, 1917; Book 213, Page 423; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WRIGHTS CHAPEL: Earliest deed July --, 1853; Book 31, Page 309; Methodist Protestant.

YOUNGSVILLE: Earliest deed July 27, 1874; Book 68, Page 170; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: July 24, 1805; Book 14, Page 134.

Methodist Episcopal: August 31, 1847; Book 29, Page 504.

Methodist Episcopal, South: December 21, 1859; Book 32, Page 295.

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 13, 1880; Book 54, Page 253.

GATES COUNTY

A. Present Churches

GATESVILLE: On Main Street in Gatesville; Founded in 1829 according to local church information; Francis Asbury visited Gatesville in 1803 and the earliest member is named in 1807 according to Register of Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library; Gates Circuit first named in 1822; Earliest deed June 4, 1829, Book 14, Page 141; Membership 128.

KITTRELL: On County Road 1202 near the Community of Gates; Founded by 1781 according to Register of Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library; Organized in 1827 as a separation from Savages Church according to the "Gates County Index", October 19, 1967; Earliest deed November 21, 1828, Book 14, Page 11 for land on which Kittrell Meeting House then stood; Hebron Church deeded January 21, 1895, Book 46, Page 172 and sold in Book 79, Page 110 and Gates Church merged with Kittrell in 1929; Membership 139.

- * PARKERS: Intersection of County Roads 1327 and 1328 five miles southwest of Corapeake; Founded in 1813 according to church records; Earliest deed June 1, 1813, Book 10, Page 57; Other deeds May 23, 1882, Book 32, Page 514, January 9, 1892, Book 50, Page 164 and April 21, 1911, Book 64, Page 508; Membership 167.

PHILADELPHIA: On State Road 32 just north of Sunbury; Founded by 1815 as a successor to Constants Chapel according to Bishop Costen J. Harrell; Francis Asbury visited this Anglican Chapel on March 11, 1799 and stayed with one of the members, Isaac Hunter, who deeded property to Philadelphia; Earliest deed November 27, 1815, Book 10, Page 263; Membership 78..

- * SAVAGES: On County Road 1304 three miles south of the Virginia State line; Founded by 1798 according to Register of Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library and trustees appointed November 1, 1812; Earliest deed November 21, 1812, Book 9, Page 230; Membership 120.

- * ZION: Junction of State Road 37 and County Road 1410 six miles south of Gatesville; Founded in 1811 for brush arbor services until 1819 when the church was organized according to a printed history; Earliest deed October 6, 1819, Book 13, Page 204; Membership 124.

B. Former Churches

HARRELLS: Earliest deed July 23, 1883; Book 35, Page 149; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HEBRON: Earliest deed January 21, 1895; Book 46, Page 172; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MOUNT HERMON: Earliest deed January 20, 1902; Book 51, Page 603; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Protestant: March 10, 1853; Book 21, Page 336.

A. Present Churches

- * BANKS: On State Road 96 one mile north of the intersection of State Roads 96 and 56; Anglican Chapel in 1762, became Methodist related about 1780 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury visited Banks Church in 1798 and 1800; Title to church property by exception from deed August 11, 1762, Book E, Page 376; Earliest church deed December 31, 1794, Book P, Page 228; Membership 146.
- * BETHEL: On County Road 1613 three miles from the Vance County line; Founded in 1831 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 31, 1895, Book 52, Page 316; Membership 109.
- * BULLOCK: On U.S. Highway 15 two and a half miles north of Creedmoor; Founded in 1832 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 14, 1833, Book 12, Page 408; Membership 30.
- COMMUNITY: 405 West "E" Street in the Town of Butner; Founded April 14, 1948 according to local church records; Earliest deed April 11, 1957, Book 145, Page 375; Membership 124.
- * CREEDMOOR: 213 Park Avenue in the Town of Creedmoor; Founded about 1915 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 10, 1913, Book 68, Page 62; Membership 283.
- GRAY ROCK: On County Road 1622 between Banks and Bethel Churches; Founded in 1835 according to a church bulletin; Earliest deed April 10, 1923, Book 82, Page 71; A declaration in 1964, Book 161, Page 143 says "the church has stood in its location many, many years" and sets forth the present bounds of the property; Membership 103.
- * GROVE HILL: Just off County Road 1625 one mile from the Franklin County line; Founded in 1840 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 10, 1840 recorded December 9, 1890, Book 44, Page 325; Membership 59.
- * OXFORD: Corner of College Street and McClanahan Street in Oxford; Founded in 1815 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 24, 1821, Book 1, Page 236 for the lot whereon the church then stood; Membership 785.
- OXFORD, SAINT PETERS: Corner of Linden Avenue and West Front Street; Founded about 1877 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed April 3, 1876, Book 30, Page 426; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 155.

- * SALEM: On County Road 1522 one mile west of the Vance County line; Founded in 1828 according to a church history; Originated as Harris Meeting House August 16, 1811, Book V, Page 329; A division in 1828 resulted in the formation of Salem Meeting House in Granville County and Rehoboth Meeting House in Vance County; Harris Meeting House dismantled and rebuilt as Salem; Earliest deed September 13, 1845, Book 14, Page 47; Membership 158.
- * STEM: On County Road 1132 in the Community of Stem; Founded in 1888 from Moores Chapel which existed prior to 1790 according to a church history; Earliest deed registered February Court, 1822, Book 1, Page 151 for Moores Meeting House; Earliest Stem deed July 30, 1888, Book 42, Page 235; Membership 91.

STOVALL: Community of Stovall; Founded in 1910 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 15, 1909, Book 62, Page 407; Membership 29.

TRINITY: Near the intersection of County Roads 1311 and 1316 at the Person County line; Founded in 1820 according to church records; Earliest deed October 31, 1917, Book 74, Page 206; Membership 178.

ZORA CHAPEL: Intersection of U.S. Highway 15 and County Road 1445 three miles south of the Virginia State line; Founded in 1904 according to local church information; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Earliest deed March 22, 1877, Book 31, Page 178; Membership 89.

B. Former Churches

CALVARY: Earliest deed August 5, 1905; Book 58, Page 291; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MARROWS CHAPEL: Earliest deed April 4, 1891; Book 44, Page 575; Methodist Episcopal.

SHADY GROVE: Earliest deed January 6, 1855; Book 18, Page 300; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: March 23, 1812; Book V, Page 341.

A. Present Churches

- * HOOKERTON: On Church Street in Hookerton; Founded about 1800 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 23, 1897, Book 33, Page 76; Organized in 1848 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Membership 270.
- * JERUSALEM: On U.S. Highway 13 five miles east of the Wayne County line; Founding date probably 1820 according to Historical Papers of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society, 1925, p. 8; An appointment on the Snow Hill Circuit about 1837; Earliest deed October 4, 1890, Book 21, Page 154; Membership 87.
- * LEBANON: On County Road 1225 at the Wayne County line; Founded before 1808 according to a county history; Earliest deed September 29, 1887, Book 18, Page 354; On the Fremont Circuit in 1873; Membership 72.
- * MAURY, BROOKS FRIZZELLE MEMORIAL: On State Road 102 in the Town of Maury; Founded in 1947 as Brooks Frizzelle Memorial Church by merger of Maury Church and Ormonds Chapel according to local church records; Maury deeded November 27, 1915, Book 94, Page 183 and Ormonds Chapel redeeded May 25, 1933, Book 175, Page 205 after the original deed was destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1875; Ormonds Chapel property was sold October, 1947, Book 239, Page 538; Earliest deed on Brooks Frizzelle Memorial in 1947 is Book 239, Page 538; Membership 179.
- * MOUNT HERMAN: Intersection of County Road 1301 and U.S. Highway 13; Founded by 1887 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 25, 1887, Book 18, Page 374; On Snow Hill Circuit about 1837; Formerly Sandy Run church; Membership 97.
- * RAINBOW: On State Road 58 five miles south of Snow Hill; Founded in 1787 according to local church information; On Trent Circuit in 1796; Earliest conveyance a quit-claim deed March 15, 1888, Book 12, Page 432; Membership 341.
- * SNOW HILL, CALVARY MEMORIAL: 103 West Greene Street in Snow Hill; Founded about 1810 according to a church history; Earliest deed July 18, 1959, Book 323, Page 442 after the original deed was destroyed in a court house fire in 1875; Membership 377.
- * TABERNACLE: On County road 1232 one half mile north of the intersection of County roads 1225 and 1229 three and a half miles from the Wilson County line; Founded before 1810 according to Historical Papers of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society, 1925, p. 8; Earliest conveyance a quit-claim deed April 21, 1947, Book 239, Page 461 from surrounding landowners; Membership 89.
- * WALSTONBURG: Town of Walstonburg; Founded in 1933 according to a county history; Earliest deed December 6, 1933, Book 175, Page 270; Membership 51.

B. Former Churches

ORMONDS CHAPEL: Earliest deed May 25, 1933; Book 175, Page 205; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CONTENTNEA: Earliest deed April --, 1789; Book 14, Page 286; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Protestant: March 29, 1893; Book 21, Page 241.

HALIFAX COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BETHESDA: On State Road 561 near the intersection with State Road 48; Founded in 1852 according to Our Church Record, June 23, 1898; Earliest deed January 10, 1852, Book 48, Page 290; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 5.

- * CALVARY: On County Road 1406 just off U.S. Highway 158 four miles west of Littleton; Founded in 1852 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 16, 1852, Book 33, Page 579; Membership 157.

CENTRAL CROSS: Intersection of State road 481 and State Road 48 one mile north of the Nash County line; Founded prior to 1890 according to local tradition; Earliest deed December 4, 1890, Book 97, Page 266; Membership 65.

- * CORINTH: On County Road 1001 five miles southeast of Littleton; Founded 1829-1830 according to a newspaper article; Earliest deed November 5, 1885, Book 74-A, Page 18 for land whereon Corinth Methodist Protestant Church then stood; Membership 90.
- * EBENEZER: On County Road 1001 three miles west of Interstate 95; Founded in 1800 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed March 26, 1842, Book 31, Page 220; Membership 124.

- * EDEN: On County road 1206 four miles north of Enfield; Founded in 1770 as an Anglican Chapel became Methodist affiliated in 1778 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 20, 1803, Book 19, Page 304 for "a lot of ground and meeting house upon it by the name of Eaden"; Became Methodist Protestant; Membership 100.
- * ENFIELD: 209 Whitfield Street in Enfield; Founded in 1939 by merger of M.E. Church, South and M.P. Church according to church records; Earliest deed for Enfield M.E. Church July 3, 1839, Book 30, Page 299; Methodist Protestant Church dedicated in 1856 became a parsonage (M.P. Church deed recorded October 25, 1872, Book 41, Page 73); Membership 293.
- * HALIFAX: On King Street in Halifax; Founded by 1859 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 22, 1859, Book 34, Page 528; Originally named Granville Street M.E. Church, South; Membership 176.

HAWKINS CHAPEL: On State Road 48 six miles south of Roanoke Rapids; Founded May 27, 1871 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 15, 1885, Book 73-B, Page 182 for land whereon the church then stood; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 173.

HOBGOOD: Town of Hobgood; Founded by 1890 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 25, 1890, Book 96, Page 370; Membership 97.

- * HOLLISTER: Community of Hollister; Founded in 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 29, 1916, Book 274, Page 396; Formerly Methodist Protestant and named Lee's Chapel; Membership 57.

NEW HOPE: On State Road 158 three and a half miles west of intersection of State Road 48 and U.S. Highway 158; Founded in 1805 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed June 7, 1805, Book 20, Page 126; Membership 164.

- * PIERCES CAMP GROUND: On County Road 1600 just north of the intersection of County Roads 1600 and 1423 (Pierce's Crossroads); Founded in 1822 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 4, 1822, Book 26, Page 86; Membership 37.
- * ROANOKE RAPIDS, FIRST: Corner of Roanoke Avenue and Fourth Street; Founded in 1893 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 4, 1896, Book 111, Page 273; Became First M.E. Church, South by December 10, 1937, Book 467, Page 378; Membership 1,085.
- * ROANOKE RAPIDS, ROSEMARY: 900 Jackson Street; Founded September 7, 1902 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 28, 1902, Book 143, Page 377; Membership 915.

- * ROANOKE RAPIDS, SOUTH ROSEMARY: 213 West Littleton Road, Founded January 11, 1948 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed June 14, 1948, Book 572, Page 423; Membership 246.
- * SCOTLAND NECK: Corner of Church Street and Ninth Street in Scotland Neck; Founded in 1857 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 10, 1857, Book 34, Page 401; Formerly Beulah M.E. Church, South, Book 111, Page 580 (1896); Membership 334.
- * SMITH: On State Road 48 three miles south of Roanoke Rapids; Founded in 1791 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 3, 1789, Book 17, Page 303; Membership 223.

TABOR: On State Road 48 near the Community of Aurelian Springs; Founded in 1837 and known as Edmunds Chapel according to a Church deed; Earliest deed October 10, 1837, Book 30, Page 69; was Tabor Church by 1910; Membership 207.
- * WEAVERS CHAPEL: On County Road 1406 near the Warren County line in extreme northwestern part of the county; Founded in 1875 according to local church information; Another deed September 27, 1918, Book 299, Page 207; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Earliest deed June 1, 1876, Book 73-B, Page 184; Membership 111.
- * WELDON: 415 Washington Avenue in Weldon; Founded in 1845 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 9, 1871, Book 39, Page 224; Membership 357.

METHODIST CHURCH SHRINE

- * WHITAKERS CHAPEL: On County Road 1003 four miles east of Enfield; Founded as an Anglican Chapel in 1740, became Methodist related in 1776; First Methodist Protestant Conference in America organized on December 19, 1828; Earliest deed June 19, 1856, Book 34, Page 331.

B. Former Churches

BETHEL: Earliest deed March 12, 1918; Book 289, Page 14; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHEL: Earliest deed February 16, 1891; Book 92, Page 224; Methodist Protestant.

BRADFORDS: Earliest deed February 17, 1792; Book 17, Page 740; Methodist.

ENFIELD: Earliest deed October 25, 1872; Book 41, Page 73; Methodist Protestant.

FARMVELL: Earliest deed October 16, 1821; Book 31, Page 371; Methodist.

HAYWOODS: Earliest deed --, 1803; Book 19, Page 359; Methodist.

LITTLETON: Earliest deed February 13, 1894; Book 102, Page 394; Methodist Protestant.

RINGWOOD: Earliest deed February 26, 1880; Book 73-B, Page 550; Methodist Episcopal, South.

RINGWOOD: Earliest deed September 4, 1895; Book 108, Page 644; Methodist Protestant.

ROSENEATH: Earliest deed September --, 1875; Book 74-B, Page 90; Methodist Protestant.

UNION: Earliest deed February 10, 1834; Book 29, Page 23; Methodist Protestant.

WELDON: SOUTH WELDON CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 16, 1909; Book 210, Page 326; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WHITAKERS CHAPEL: Earliest deed June 19, 1856; Book 34, Page 331; Methodist Protestant.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: February 12, 1790; Book 17, Page 192.

Methodist: October 17, 1798; Book 18, Page 653.

Methodist: November 16, 1803; Book 19, Page 209.

Methodist: May 20, 1806; Book 20, Page 445.

A. Present Churches

ANGIER: Corner of Broad Street and Smithfield Street in Angier; Founded in 1900 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 21, 1902, Book 163, Page 128; Membership 227.

- * COATS: 502 South Street in the Town of Coats; Founded February 3, 1952; Earliest deed November 13, 1954, Book 357, Page 80; Another deed November 9, 1965, Book 448, Page 401; Membership 246.

COKESBURY: Intersection of County Roads 1418 and 1403 in the Buckhorn Community; Founded June 28, 1838 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 10, 1836, Book 42, Page 276 in Cumberland County Registry; Originally named Chalk Level; Membership 158.

COOL SPRINGS: On County Road 1265 three miles northwest of the Community of Mamers; Founded in 1844 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 27, 1884, Book Q-1, Page 421, also an identical deed recorded in Book R-2, Page 585 "it being the lot now occupied by the church and graveyard"; Membership 151.

- * DUNN, DIVINE STREET: 400 West Divine Street; Founded in 1887 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 3, 1888, Book Z-1, Page 91; Membership 604.

ERWIN: 600 East "G" Street in the Town of Erwin, formerly Duke; Founded February 6, 1904 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Duke Circuit formed in 1903; Earliest deed May 20, 1907, Book 169, Page 156; Became Erwin in 1926; Membership 316.

KIPLING: On U.S. Highway 401 in the Community of Kipling; Founded in 1862 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 16, 1890, Book B-2, Page 558; Formerly Olive Branch, became Kipling by March 14, 1934, Book 250, Page 326; Membership 162.

LESLIE: On U.S. Highway 301 three miles north of Dunn; Founded February 4, 1951 as a mission from Divine Street Church according to a church history; Earliest deed is for Stewart Chapel, September 29, 1951, Book 331, Page 229; Became Leslie in 1961; Membership 58.

- * LILLINGTON: 1201 Main Street in Lillington; Founded in 1878 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 9, 1903, Book 163, Page 40; Membership 346.

MORRIS CHAPEL: On County Road 1221 one mile southeast of the Lee County line; Founded about 1857 as a preaching place called Red Hill according to Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, Grill; Earliest deed February 4, 1861, Book 30, Page 250 in Moore County Registry; Recorded November 3, 1904; Membership 206.

MOUNT ARIEL: On State Road 27 three miles south of Lillington; Founded in 1919 according to a church history; Earliest deeds October 11, 1922 and October 16, 1922, Book 198, Page 539; Membership 152.

MOUNT OLIVE: On County Road 1245 near the Mason Store Community and Spring Hill Church; Founded in 1890 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed January 23, 1889, Book B-2, Page 61; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 134.

SPRING HILL: On County Road 1238 one mile north of State Road 27; Founded about 1859 as Little River Meeting House, became Spring Hill in 1863 and named a preaching place on the Jonesboro Circuit in 1866 according to Methodism in the Upper Cape Fear Valley, Grill; Church records go back to 1867; Earliest deed August 6, 1886, Book 259, Page 341 (This deed was originally recorded in Book W, Page 242 on March 24, 1887 but destroyed by fire, rerecorded December 19, 1936); Membership 420.

* UNION: On County Road 1117 two miles south of where State Road 27 crosses the Upper Little River; Founded in 1941 according to a church deed; Earliest deed March 24, 1941, Book 278, Page 211; Membership 179.

* UNION GROVE: On County Road 1215 just north of County Road 1209 two miles east of Olivia; Founded in 1886 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed October 18, 1886, Book Z-1, Page 281; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 66.

WOODSIDE: On Second Street in the Town of Mamers; Founded in July, 1920 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 10, 1921, Book 195, Page 454; Membership 65.

B. Former Churches

HARNETT CHAPEL: Earliest deed September 18, 1856; Book B-2, Page 523; Methodist.

LEES GROVE: Earliest deed January 11, 1909; Book 170, Page 411; Methodist Episcopal, South.

LOVE GROVE: Earliest deed February 25, 1939; Book 269, Page 543; Methodist Episcopal.

PLEASANT PLAINS: Earliest deed April 23, 1946; Book 298, Page 539; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 21, 1893; Book H-2, Page 349.

A. Present Churches

- * AHOSKIE: 212 West Church Street; Founded as a Sunday School in 1898 and organized May, 1901 according to a church history; Earliest deed made to parsonage trustees March 29, 1901, Book 21, Page 73 (Part of this lot was sold to church trustees on July 18, 1906, Book 31, Page 572); Membership 512.
 - * HARRELLSVILLE: Community of Harrellsville; Founded in 1811 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed is for Bethel Meeting House August 24, 1830, Book E, Page 544 recorded in 1877, (This lot was sold May 18, 1877, Book E, Page 485); Another deed for Harrellsville May 18, 1877, Book F, Page 112; Membership 44.
 - * MURFREESBORO: 301 East High Street in Murfreesboro; Founded in 1806 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury visited Murfreesboro several times between 1805 and 1812; Earliest deed is quit-claim deed for land on which the church was located, the original deed having been lost & never recorded July 24, 1883, Book L, Page 596 (This lot was sold July 19, 1892, Book S, Page 544); Membership 370.
- UNION: Community of Union; Founded by 1812 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed August 4, 1875, Book F, Page 42; Membership 69.
- * WINTON: Town of Winton; Founded in 1878 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Named as a preaching appointment on Bertie Circuit in 1862; Earliest deed September 12, 1865, Book A, Page 479; Membership 31.

B. Former Churches

NEW HOPE: Earliest deed June 14, 1911; Book 48, Page 175 (for land originally deeded in 1855); Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * COMMUNITY: On County Road 1214 near the Community of Five Points; Founded August 24, 1947 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 10, 1949, Book 90, Page 116; Membership 82.

LIGHTHOUSE: On County Road 1225 just east of US 15-501 five miles south of Aberdeen; Founded September 23, 1979 according to church records; Earliest deed granted to Page Memorial Church (Aberdeen) November 28, 1977, Book 200, Page 427; Membership 46.

PARKERS CHAPEL: Intersection of U.S. Highway 401 and County Road 1412; Founded in 1907 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 20, 1910, Book 158, Page 16 in Cumberland County Registry; Membership 133.

- * RAEFORD: 312 North Main Street in Raeford; Founded in 1900 according to a church history; Earliest deed July 26, 1902, Book 117, Page 517 in Cumberland County Registry; Membership 637.

SANDY GROVE: Intersection of County Roads 1003 and 1105; Founded by 1865 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 2, 1855, Book 54, Page 585 in Cumberland County Registry for land on which the church was situated; Membership 157.

WALLS CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 401 three miles northeast of the Scotland County line; Founded in 1874 according to a cornerstone; Earliest deed December 4, 1947, Book 87, Page 489; Membership 44.

B. Former Churches

FIRST CHURCH OF ASHLEY HEIGHTS: Earliest deed December 15, 1924; Book 48, Page 11; Methodist Episcopal.

BOWMORE: Earliest deed October 16, 1896; Book 3-V, Page 49; Robeson County Registry; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BRIDGES GROVE: Earliest deed January 27, 1912; Book 65½, Page 29; Methodist Episcopal.

SOUTH FREEDOM: Earliest deed October 1, 1903; Book 38, Page 241; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 4, 1940; Book 116, Page 431. (The same deed is also dated September 21, 1899; Book 4-B, Page 361, Robeson County Registry.)

A. Present Churches

* AMITY: On U.S. Highway 264 three miles west of Engelhard; Founded in 1825 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 8, 1841, Book Z, Page 375 for land whereon Mattamuskeet Chapel stood, adjoining the old chapel lot (An identical deed is in Book T, Page 378); Another deed December 30, 1848, Book 5, Page 54; Membership 32.

* BETHANY: On County Road 118 in the Community of Gull Rock; Founded about 1776 from an early Episcopal Chapel in the Mount Pleasant Community which was in existence in 1763 according to local church information; Became Mount Pleasant in 1858; Earliest deed 1868, Book 10, Page 17; Another deed October 10, 1870, Book 11, Page 131; Membership 32.

ENGELHARD: On U.S. Highway 264 in Engelhard; Formerly Far Creek Methodist Church - 1860, earliest member; Founded in 1877 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 20, 1880, Book 15, Page 330; Membership 96.

EPWORTH: One half mile east of Sladesville; Founded by 1827 according to early church membership records; Earliest deed March 25, 1891, Book 20, Page 211; An earlier possible deed may be May 20, 1811, Book O, Page 326; Membership 40.

* FAIRFIELD: On County Road 1305 in the Community of Fairfield on the north shore of Lake Mattamuskeet; Founded by 1851 according to early church membership records; Earliest deed September 1, 1914, Book 38, Page 83; Membership 59.

* OCRACOKE: Ocracoke Community; Founded in 1828 according to Conference Minutes; Earliest deed October 5, 1883, Book 17, Page 89; Named Wesley Chapel in 1884; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Atlantic Mission Conference was created in the 1897 session of the Blue Ridge Conference held at Ocracoke; Merger of M.E. Church and M.E. South Church in 1938 according to a local church history; Membership 320.

* PROVIDENCE: On Main Street in Swan Quarter; Founded in 1874 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 30, 1874; Book 13, Page 363 (This lot was sold December 31, 1903, Book 27, Page 226); Present site January 3, 1881, Book 15, Page 572; Membership 69.

* SOULE: On U.S. Highway 264 eight miles northeast of Swan Quarter on the south shore of Lake Mattamuskeet; Founded by 1828 according to early church membership records; Earliest deed August 11, 1858, Book 13, Page 360; Membership 70.

WATSONS CHAPEL: On County Road 1161 two miles south of Lake Landing; Formerly Wysocking Methodist Church - 1828; Founded in 1890 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 18, 1890, Book 20, Page 99; Membership 82.

B. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: February 3, 1886; Book 18, Page 22.
Methodist Episcopal, South: June 7, 1886; Book 18, Page 88.
Methodist Episcopal, South: May 15, 1888; Book 18, Page 486.
Methodist: June 9, 1926; Book 48, Page 134.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

A. Present Churches

ANTIOCH: On U.S. Highway 70 just north of Strickland's Crossroads; Founded in 1878 according to a church deed; Earliest deed January 3, 1878, Book Q-3, Page 251; Membership 71.

- * BENSON: 205 East Church Street in Benson; Founded September 16, 1898 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 7, 1894, Book K-6, Page 449; Membership 249.

CALVARY: On County Road 1715 near the junction of County Road 1700 three miles north of Clayton; Founded in 1921 according to a church history; Earliest deeds October 24, 1925 for two adjoining tracts recorded in Book 150, Page 165 and Page 168; Membership 18.

- * CLAYTON: HORNE MEMORIAL: Corner of Second Street and Church Street in Clayton; Founded in 1859 according to a printed history; Earliest deed April 15, 1859, Book O-3, Page 250; Formerly Clayton Methodist Church, became Horne Memorial in 1913; Membership 410.
- * CORINTH: On U.S. Highway 301 near the junction of U.S. Highway 701; Founded in 1881 according to a cornerstone; Earliest deed December 10, 1874, Book Z-4, Page 607; Membership 177.
- * EBENEZER: Near the junction of County Roads 1008 and 1009 between Bentonville and the Wayne County line; Founded in 1896 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 23, 1895, Book 1-7, Page 322; This church probably a successor to Bentonville Methodist Church which burned in 1865; Membership 88.

- * ELEVATION: Intersection of County Roads 1308 and 1362 four miles northeast of Benson; Founded in 1861 according to a personal recollection and a corner stone; Earliest deed April 18, 1887, Book 1-5, Page 575 "for land on which Elevation Church now stands"; Membership 85.
- * ELIZABETH: On County Road 1010 seven miles west of Smithfield; Founded for camp meeting purposes in 1839 according to early records and the Smithfield Church history; Church building dedicated May 17, 1857 according to Annals of Southern Methodism, Duke University Library; Earliest deed June 4, 1879, Book S-3, Page 152; Membership 79.
- FELLOWSHIP: On County Road 2320 one and a half miles east of the Wayne County line; Founded in 1916 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 18, 1918, Book 41, Page 420; Membership 104.
- FOUR OAKS: On U.S. Highway 301 in the Town of Four Oaks; Founded in 1892 according to a church deed; Earliest church records 1919; Earliest deed February 26, 1892, Book E-6, Page 6; Membership 241.
- KENLY: Corner of State Road 222 and Second Street in Kenly; Founded in 1889 according to a church deed; Earliest deed April 1, 1889, Book Q-5, Page 171; Membership 173.
- MICRO: On U.S. Highway 301 in the Community of Micro; Founded about 1875 as Zion Methodist Church according to local church information; Earliest deed November 15, 1875, Book K-3, Page 150; Moved to Micro in 1918 according to a deed October 23, 1918, Book 59, Page 186; Became Micro between 1922 and 1926; Membership 147.
- * MOUNT ZION: On State Road 50 one mile east of the Wake County line; Founded by tradition about 1809 with earliest records existing in 1825 according to local church information; Earliest reference to property January 15, 1840, Land Division Book A, Page 235 for two acre exception where Mount Zion Church then stood; Earliest deed September 2, 1944, Book 451, Page 229; Membership 275.
- PINE LEVEL, FIRST: Corner of U.S. Highway 70-A and Church Street in Pine Level; Founded October 2, 1955 according to church records; Earliest deed April 29, 1958, Book 565, Page 554; Membership 72.
- * PRINCETON: Corner of First Street and South Center Street in Princeton; Founded in 1855 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 28, 1863, Book A-3, Page 87; Membership 255.
- SANDERS CHAPEL: On County Road 1007 four miles east of Smithfield; Founded in 1860 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 19, 1881, Book C-4, Page 253; Membership 168.

- * SELMA, BREITZ MEMROIAL: 910 West Railroad Street; Founded in 1957 according to local church information; Predated by an interdenominational Sunday school as early as 1915; Earliest deed July 15, 1957, Book 550, Page 578; Membership 94.

- * SELMA, EDGERTON MEMORIAL: Corner of Anderson Street and Sumner Street; Founded in 1869 according to "The Johnstonian" November 9, 1967; Earliest deed September 2, 1871, Book K-3, Page 406; Another site April 1, 1880, Book X-3, Page 84; Was Selma M.E. Church, South, became Edgerton Memorial in 1910; Membership 291.

- SMITHFIELD, ASBURY: Corner of U.S. 301 and Carolina Avenue; Founded June 12, 1955 according to local church records; Earliest deed June 18, 1955, Book 527, Page 94; Membership 74.

- * SMITHFIELD, CENTENARY: 138 East Market Street; Founded in April, 1839 according to a printed history; Earliest deed October 15, 1839, Book T-2, Page 56; Formerly Smithfield Methodist Church, became Centenary in 1939; Membership 988.

- * SMITHFIELD, WHITLEY MEMORIAL: On County Road 1913 in West Smithfield, Founded April 24, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 31, 1958, Book 565, Page 302; Formerly West Smithfield Methodist Church, became Whitley Memorial in 1965; Membership 120.

B. Former Churches

BATTEN CROSSROADS: Earliest deed January 12, 1923; Book 114, Page 314; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CHURCH AT THE MEADOW: Earliest deed May 7, 1863; Book A-3, Page 28; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EARPSBORO: Earliest deed July 28, 1885; Book Q-5, Page 521; Methodist Episcopal, South.

JOHNSONS CROSSROADS: Earliest deed April 3, 1916; Book 22, Page 204; Methodist Episcopal, South.

STEVENS CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 20, 1911; Book Q-11, Page 187; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WELLONS CHAPEL: Earliest deed January 16, 1901; Book X-7, Page 126; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * CYPRESS CREEK: On State Road 41 six miles west of Trenton; Founded in 1854 according to a county church history; Earliest deed March 22, 1867, Book 24, Page 137 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 76.
- * LEES CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 17 two and a half miles south of Pollocksville; Traditionally said to be founded by Francis Asbury in 1790; Earliest deed September 13, 1790; Book 1, Page 537 on which the Meeting House lately built by Thomas Lee then stood; Membership 63.
- * MAPLE GROVE: On State Road 58 three miles south of Trenton; Founded in 1879 according to the oldest church records; Earliest deed, May 5, 1845, Book 22, Page 205 for land given for the use of the Methodist Church to build churches or schoolhouses; Membership 58.
- * MAYSVILLE: Town of Maysville; Founded in 1891 according to a church history; Earliest deed February 22, 1901, Book 45, Page 594; Membership 284.
- * POLLOCKSVILLE: Main Street in Pollocksville; Founded as a Sunday school in 1892 according to a county history; Earliest deed November 8, 1915, Book 110, Page 530; Membership 120.
- * SHADY GROVE: On County Road 1300 one mile east of State Road 58; Founded by 1846 according to the earliest available membership roll; Shady Grove was on the New River Circuit in 1820; Earliest deed April 29, 1857, Book 23, Page 105; Membership 162.
- * TRENTON: West Market Street in Trenton; Francis Asbury preached in Trenton in 1791 but made no record of organizing a society there; Founded by 1822 according to a church deed; Trent Meeting House was on the Trent and Goshen Circuit in 1805; Earliest deed March 13, 1822, Book 15, Page 241 conveying land for building a meeting house and schoolhouse in the town of Trenton which were then being built; Membership 131.

B. Former Churches

FOYS MEMORIAL: Earliest deed September 15, 1922; Book 79, Page 180; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HOPEWELL: Earliest deed January 26, 1846; Book 21, Page 411; Methodist Episcopal, South.

OAK GROVE: Earliest deed May 1, 1845, Book 21, Page 304; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: August 16, 18-9; Book 45, Page 346.

A. Present Churches

- * BETHLEHEM: On County Road 1007 one mile south of the Chatham County line; Founded by 1881 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 1, 1881, Book B-N, Page 275 in Chatham County Registry; Quit-claim deed recorded in Lee County, September 17, 1958, Book 70, Page 52; Membership 48.
- * BROADWAY: 106 Church Street in Broadway; Founded in 1906 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 24, 1906, Book 35, Page 368 in Moore County Registry; Membership 219.
- * CENTER: On County Road 1007 at the Moore County line; Founded in 1817 for camp meeting purposes according to a church history; Became Methodist affiliated May 25, 1819 according to Historical Sketch of the Carthage Methodist Church, Cline; Earliest deed October 15, 1889, Book 4, Page 534 in Moore County Registry for land whereon Center-Union Methodist Church was built; Became Center by 1856; Membership 271.
- * JONES CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 1 one and a half miles east of U.S. Highway 15-501; Founded by 1875 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 1, 1875 recorded on April 5, 1897 in the Chatham County Registry Book C-W, Page 373 (Recorded in Lee County June 15, 1959, Book 70, Page 263); Membership 113.

LEMON SPRINGS: Community of Lemon Springs; Founded November 6, 1890 as Midway Church according to a church history; Earliest deed August 11, 1894, Book 11, Page 323 in Moore County Registry (Recorded in Lee County June 15, 1926, Book 20, Page 792); Became Lemon Springs by 1892; Membership 188.
- * MCQUEENS CHAPEL: On County Road 1001 near Lemon Springs; Founded in 1908 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed March 22, 1909, Book 1, Page 321; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 111.

MEMPHIS: Intersection of State Road 42 and County Road 1500 one mile Southwest of the Chatham County line; Founded in 1879 according to a family history; Memphis was a preaching appointment on the Haw River Circuit as early as 1846; Earliest site on which Memphis stood exchanged for another site on March 25, 1876 recorded in Book D-K, Page 37 Chatham County Registry; (Recorded in Lee County June 28, 1926, Book 26, Page 294); Membership 19.
- * POPLAR SPRINGS: On County Road 1537 three miles east of Sanford; Founded in 1836 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 9, 1868 recorded in Moore County Registry February 2, 1869, Book A-1, Page 33 destroyed by fire and rerecorded on August 23, 1901, Book 24, Page 39 (Recorded in Lee County June 16, 1926, Book 26, Page 281) for land adjoining the existing church; Membership 179.

- * SANFORD, JONESBORO HEIGHTS: 407 West Main Street; Founded in 1875 according to earliest church records; Jonesboro was a preaching appointment just prior to 1866 when the Jonesboro Circuit was organized; Earliest deed October 5, 1876, Book 7, Page 205 recorded in Moore County Registry May 12, 1892; Membership 172.
- * SANFORD, SAINT LUKE: On Wicker Street Extension (State Road 42); Founded in 1887 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 28, 1888 recorded in Moore County Registry November 17, 1888, Book 68, Page 87 (Recorded in Lee County February 18, 1924, Book 21, Page 424); Originally Steele Street Methodist Church and became Saint Luke in 1974; Membership 1,480.
- * SANFORD, TRINITY: Corner of Bragg Street and Maple Street; Founded in 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 19, 1958, Book 64, Page 376; Membership 111.

B. Former Churches

CUMNOCK: Earliest deed November 22, 1897; Book 8, Page 126; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GREEN GROVE: Earliest deed September 7, 1929; Book 27, Page 501; Methodist.

OSGOOD: Earliest deed September 16, 1940; Book 34, Page 599; Methodist.

A. Present Churches

BETHANY: On County Road 1803 about ten miles northeast of Kinston between State Road 55 and County Road 1807; Founded in 1891 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed June 29, 1891, Book 25, Page 30; Membership 75.

EDWARDS CHAPEL: Junction of County Roads 1004, 1709 and 1710 at the northern part of Lenoir County; Founded by 1860 according to Historical Papers of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society, 1925, p. 11; Earliest deed October 6, 1876, Book 24, Page 541 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 80.

HICKORY GROVE: On County Road 1324 seven miles south of LaGrange; Founded in 1860 according to a church plaque; Earliest deed February 23, 1916, Book 46, Page 717; Membership 215.

- * INSTITUTE: On County Road 1532 six miles northeast of LaGrange in the Community of Institute; Founded in 1854 as Lenoir Institute according to Conference Minutes (1854); Earliest deed December 10, 1887, Book 11, Page 400; Membership 107.
- * KINSTON, QUEEN STREET: 500 North Queen Street; Founded in 1855 according to local church records; Kinston appears as a preaching appointment in the New River Circuit in 1823; Earliest deed October 11, 1900, Book 25, Page 384; First Church 1900, Emmanuel 1901, Caswell Street 1913, Queen Street by 1915; Membership 1,306.

KINSTON, SAINT MARK: Corner of Larkspur Road and Ivey Road, Founded in April, 1954 according to church records; Saint John merged with Saint Mark in 1967; Earliest deed May 25, 1954, Book 350, Page 168; Membership 173.

KINSTON, WESTMINISTER: Corner of Westminster Lane and Carey Road; Founded March 23, 1952 according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 20, 1952, Book 315, Page 10; Membership 859.

LaGRANGE: 213 South Caswell Street in LaGrange; Founded in 1840 according to a cornerstone; Earliest deed February 18, 1871, Book 20, Page 132; Membership 257.

- * NOBLES CHAPEL: On County Road 1121 at Noble's Crossroads; Founded in 1937 as a Sunday school and organized May 15, 1938 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 28, 1938, Book 170, Page 184; Membership 52.
- * PINK HILL: On West Walnut Street in Pink Hill; Founded in August, 1916 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 19, 1920, Book 68, Page 250; Membership 146.

- * SHARON: Junction of County Roads 1727 and 1722 about six miles north of Kinston; Founded in 1872 according to a cornerstone and a church history; Earliest deed April 1, 1874, Book 9, Page 441 for land at the fork of the road that ran to the old Rose of Sharon Church; Membership 111.

TRINITY: On U.S. Highway 70 four miles west of Kinston; Founded in 1887 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 7, 1887, Book 11, Page 254 conveying land to trustees of church at Falling Creek; Membership 274.

- * WEBB: On State Road 55 nine miles west of Kinston; Founded August 24, 1901 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 26, 1901, Book 26, Page 506; Membership 134.

WOODINGTON: On U.S. Highway 258 seven miles south of Kinston; Founded January 16, 1901 according to church records; Earliest deed January 16, 1901, Book 26, Page 93; Membership 131.

B. Former Churches

FIELDS CHAPEL: Earliest deed October 1, 1892; Book 29, Page 18; Methodist Protestant.

HULLS CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 24, 1900, Book 25, Page 546; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CASWELL STREET: Earliest deed March 25, 1913; Book 48, Page 160; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EMMANUEL: Earliest deed January 19, 1901; Book 25, Page 772; Methodist Episcopal, South.

KINSTON: Earliest deed December 21, 1876; Book 39, Page 55; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT JOHNS: Earliest deed October 31, 1957; Book 443, Page 462; Methodist.

LAGRANGE: Earliest deed March 22, 1888; Book 11, Page 239; Methodist Protestant.

REDEMPTION: Earliest deed October 13, 1900; Book 25, Page 387; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CONTENTNEA: Earliest deed ----; Book 14, Page 286; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: ----; Book 35, Page 388.

A. Present Churches

HAMILTON: On Main Street in the Town of Hamilton; Founded in 1879 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 24, 1902, Book 3-J, Page 140; Membership 70.

HOLLY SPRINGS: On U.S. Highway 64 four miles west of Jamesville; Founded about 1850 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 15, 1874, Book X, Page 35 indicating that the church existed on the property; Membership 165.

JAMESVILLE: Town of Jamesville; Founded by 1855 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 8, 1855; Book Q, Page 315; Jamesville Circuit organized in 1873; Membership 86.

PARMELE: On Main Street in the Town of Parmele; Founded about 1890 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 11, 1897, Book YY, Page 362; A church was built on this lot by May 13, 1899, Book 3-B, Page 243; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 41.

ROBERSONVILLE: Corner of Broad Street and Second Street in Robersonville; Founded in 1886 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 10, 1892, Book TT, Page 170; Membership 191.

SILOAM: On U.S. Highway 64 three miles west of Jamesville; Founded in 1876 according to Recollections and Observations, Nash; Earliest deed June 15, 1876, Book YY, Page 293; Membership 60.

VERNON: On County Road 1409 at County Road 1423 four miles west of Williamston; Founded in 1895 according to local church information; Earliest deed in Book SS, Page 243 filed for recording on November 20, 1891; Membership 69.

WARES CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 64 at the Washington County line; Founded in 1888 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 21, 1888, Book QQ, Page 460; Membership 24.

- * WILLIAMS CHAPEL: On State Road 903 two miles south of the Halifax County line; Founded by 1832 according to a church deed; Francis Asbury reports preaching at Williams Chapel near Williamston on January 29, 1809; Earliest deed January 28, 1832, Book K, Page 82; Membership 60.
- * WILLIAMSTON, FIRST: 110 East Church Street in Williamston; Founded in 1828 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury visited Williamston several times between 1803 and 1809; Earliest deed February 22, 1828, Book 1-J, Page 1, Membership 451.

B. Former Churches

EVERETTS: Earliest deed November 3, 1919; Book D-2, Page 25; Methodist Episcopal, South

TAYLORS CHAPEL: Earliest deed September 25, 1835; Book L, Page 322; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: July 26, 1923; Book M-2, Page 76.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * BISCOE, PAGE MEMORIAL: Corner of Church Street and Oak Street in Biscoe; Founded April 23, 1900 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 21, 1898, Book 40, Page 2; Membership 189.
- * CANDOR: Town of Candor; Founded in 1895 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 2, 1893, Book 34, Page 575; Membership 233.
- * LITTLE RIVER: On State Road 731 one and a half miles west of Pekin Crossroads; Founded in 1877 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 19, 1878, Book 27, Page 473; Membership 52.
- * LOVE JOY: On County Road 1315 five miles northwest of Troy; Founded by Adam Crooks in 1849 according to a Civil War history; Earliest deed August 18, 1868, Book 40, Page 170; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 193.
- * MACEDONIA: On County Road 1311 in the Abner Community one mile south of the Randolph County line; Founded in 1901 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 14, 1901, Book 74, Page 84; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 101.
- * MARCUS: Intersection of County Roads 1003 and 1527 two miles from the Moore County line; Founded about 1912 according to a county history; Earliest deed February 8, 1912, Book 58, Page 237; A later deed February 22, 1950, Book 102, Page 96; Membership 133.

- * MELTONS GROVE: On State Road 109 two miles north of the Richmond County line; Founded in 1876 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 8, 1876, Book 27, Page 155 from Joseph D. Milton and wife; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 22.
- * MOUNT GILEAD, FIRST: On North Main Street in Mount Gilead; Founded in 1820 from Providence Church which was founded in 1790 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 26, 1854, Book 19, Page 468; Formerly Mount Gilead Methodist Church; Membership 477.
- * OPHIR: On County Road 1306 near County Road 1134 in the Ophir Community two miles south of the Randolph County line; Founded by 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 17, 1900, Book 41, Page 20; Another deed January 14, 1901, Book 41, Page 54; Membership 70.
- * PARSONS GROVE: On County Road 1005 two miles north of Pekin Crossroads; Founded in 1878 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 29, 1878, Book 25, Page 137; Formerly Blue-Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 68.
- * PLEASANT HILL: On County Road 1571 one and a half miles west of the Moore County line; Founding date not reported; Earliest deed probably August 28, 1888, Book 31, Page 185; A later deed December 6, 1944, Book 93, Page 345 was for land including the present church lot for increasing the size; Membership 95.
- * SARDIS: On State Road 731 four miles east of Pekin Crossroads; Founded in 1860 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 1, 1869, Book 21, Page 522; Membership 81.
- * STAR: Town of Star; Founded during the 1860's according to local church information; Earliest deed May 22, 1885, Book 30, Page 13; Formerly Bethlehem Methodist Church; Deed given for Methodist Protestant Church December 7, 1916, Book 70, Page 184 and this lot sold on April 7, 1927, Book 79, Page 361; Membership 235.
- * TROY, FIRST: On State Road 109 in the Town of Troy; Founded in 1905 according to a county history; Earliest deed February 9, 1905, Book 43, Page 378; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 91.
- * TROY, TRINITY: Corner of Blair Street and North Russell Street; Founded by 1870 according to a church history; First named in Conference Minutes in 1863; Earliest deed October 29, 1872, Book 23, Page 137; Earliest Trinity deed March 1, 1920, Book 69, Page 228; Membership 508.

- * UWHARRIE: On State Road 109 in the Uwharrie Community six miles northwest of Troy; Founded from Zoar M.E. Church, South (1871) and Bethany M.E. Church (1874) according to local church information; Earliest deed November 7, 1882, Book 27, Page 93; Membership 84.
- * WADEVILLE: On State Road 109 in the Wadeville Community seven miles southwest of Troy; Founded in 1879 according to local church history; Earliest deed September 22, 1884, Book 27, Page 333; Membership 49.
- * ZION: On State Road 73 three and a half miles southeast of Pee Dee River; Founded as Scarborough Meeting House in 1786 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 21, 1859, Book 19, Page 392 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 74.

B. Former Churches

BEULAH: Earliest deed July 24, 1888; Book 31, Page 167; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CAPELSIE: Earliest deed August 12, 1847; Book 18, Page 145; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CHANDLERS GROVE: Earliest deed August 8, 1871; Book 22, Page 195; Methodist Episcopal.

MACEDONIA: Earliest deed September 23, 1901; Book 40, Page 400; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW BETHANY: Earliest deed October 13, 1902; Book 42, Page 275; Methodist Episcopal.

OLD BETHANY: Earliest deed October 24, 1874; Book 23, Page 435; Methodist Episcopal.

ONVIL: Earliest deed November 5, 1926; Book 84, Page 126; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROSPECT: Earliest deed July 24, 1932; Book 82, Page 255; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SHILOH: Earliest deed ----; 1836; Book 21, Page 672; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SILOME: Earliest deed November 21, 1892; Book 37, Page 12; Methodist Episcopal.

STAR: Earliest deed December 7, 1916; Book 70, Page 184; Methodist Protestant.

WHITE OAK: Earliest deed August 25, 1902; Book 44, Page 389; Methodist Episcopal.

ZOAR: Earliest deed August 10, 1871; Book 24, Page 88; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: January 10, 1906; Book 46, Page 7.
Methodist Episcopal, South: February 27, 1885; Book 58, Page 357.
Methodist Protestant: April 27, 1901; Book 40, Page 457.
Methodist Protestant: September 15, 1893; Book 69, Page 367.

MOORE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * BASCOMS CHAPEL: On County Road 1275 five and a half miles west of Robbins; Founded before 1858 according to "Montgomery Herald", September 3, 1970; Earliest deed March 24, 1858, Book 12, Page 554; Membership 50.
 - * CAMERON: On State Road 27 in Cameron; Founded in 1886 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 1, 1887 recorded after the courthouse fire in Book 18, Page 490; rerecorded in Book 402, Page 589-592 on January 2, 1976; Membership 92.
 - * CARTHAGE: On Elm Street in Carthage; Founded as Burkhead Meeting House one mile west of Carthage in 1820 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 1, 1852, Book 16, Page 587 recorded November 26, 1898; Membership 305.
 - * COOL SPRING: On County Road 1628 two miles southwest of Glendon; Founded by 1860 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 25, 1860, Book 24, Page 679 recorded July 24, 1902; Membership 156.
- DOUBS CHAPEL: On County Road 1229 five miles southwest of Carthage; Founded in October, 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 1, 1900, Book 22, Page 306; Membership 147.
- EAGLE SPRINGS: On County Road 1140 one and a half miles south of the community of Eagle Springs; Founded in 1874 according to a stone monument; Earliest deed March --, 1890; Book 2, Page 271 for land on which the church was situated; Membership 66.

- * FAIR PROMISE: On County Road 1106 one and a half miles north of Glendon; Founded in 1814 according to a county history; Earliest deed May 3, 1890, Book 3, Page 33; Membership 115.

HIGH FALLS: On County Road 1606 just off State Road 22 in the Community of High Falls; Founded about 1890 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed December 12, 1891, Book 6, Page 570; Membership 150.

MOUNT CARMEL: Intersection of County Roads 1261 and 1264 seven miles west of Carthage; Founded in 1883 according to local church information; Preaching appointment on the Deep River Circuit in 1859; Earliest deed October 19, 1874, Book 52, Page 162 recorded in 1912; Membership 67.

PAGE MEMORIAL: Corner of Main Street and Poplar Street in Aberdeen; Founded in 1889 according to a printed history; Earliest deeds February 10, 1891, Book 9, Page 423 and 425; Membership 557.

PINEBLUFF: Community of Pinebluff; Founded January 14, 1906 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 10, 1906, Book 37, Page 225; Membership 233.

- * PLEASANT HILL: On County Road 1484 three miles southwest of High Falls; Founded in 1860 according to local church information; Earliest recorded deed Book 131, Page 38 registered July 25, 1939; Earliest church deed August 11, 1942, Book 139, Page 496 and August 13, 1942, Book 139, Page 495 for land originally given in 1861; Membership 326.

ROBBINS, TABERNACLE: Corner of Church Street and Carthage Road in Robbins; Founded in 1834 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 16, 1905, Book 33, Page 286 for land whereon Tabernacle Church at Elise then stood (Town of Elise became Hemp and then Robbins); Membership 575.

- * ROSELAND: On County Road 1112 in the Community of Roseland; Founded September 24, 1939 according to the Page Memorial Church records; Earliest deed November 27, 1899, Book 20, Page 498; Named First Methodist Church in Roseland in 1912, Book 52, Page 208; Membership 67.

SMYRNA: Intersection of County Roads 1419 and 1457 two miles south of the Randolph County line; Founded in 1834 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 23, 1904, Book 111, Page 520 (This deed covers an old deed plus one and a half acres known as Smyrna Church lot) recorded October 20, 1932; Membership 454.

SOUTHERN PINES: 175 Midland Road in Southern Pines; Founded June 13, 1954 and organized September 12, 1954 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 29, 1955, Book 187, Page 529; Membership 541.

- * VASS: On Alma Street in Vass; Founded by 1884 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 15, 1884 (This deed was destroyed by fire in 1889); Deed for another parcel of land was given December 12, 1902, Book 29, Page 111; A quit-claim deed was given for both tracts on February 1, 1933, Book 115, Page 422; Formerly Johnson Grove Church; Became Vass about 1918; Membership 210.
- * WEST END: On State Road 73 in the Community of West End; Founded during the summer of 1914 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 2, 1916, Book 64, Page 290; Membership 199.

B. Former Churches

ALLRED CHAPPLE: Earliest deed September 14, 1894; Book 12, Page 57; Methodist Episcopal.

BELLEVIEW: Earliest deed July 11, 1951; Book 174, Page 353; Methodist.

MANLY: Earliest deed March 27, 1884; Book 25, Page 535; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MCNEILLS CHAPEL: Earliest deed May 8, 1920; Book 82, Page 380; Methodist Episcopal.

MOUNT OLIVE: Earliest deed September 25, 1943; Book 138, Page 517; Methodist Episcopal.

ROBBINS: Earliest deed February 24, 1904; Book 29, Page 163; Methodist Protestant.

ROSELAND: Earliest deed November 27, 1889; Book 20, Page 498; Methodist Episcopal.

TYRE: Earliest deed June 21, 1898; Book 19, Page 560; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ZIONS GROVE: Earliest deed September 6, 1907; Book 40, Page 141; Methodist Episcopal.

A. Present Churches

BAILEY: On U.S. Highway 264 in the Town of Bailey; Founded in 1906 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 23, 1908, Book 168, Page 439; Membership 390.

- * BETHLEHEM: On State Road 58 two miles southeast of Castalia; Founded in 1885 according to general church information; Earliest deed October 26, 1847, Book 19, Page 212; Membership 155.

- * GIBSON MEMORIAL: Corner of Branch Street and Walnut Street in Spring Hope; Founded in 1890 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 1, 1890, Book 73, Page 555; Formerly Spring Hope Methodist Church became Gibson Memorial by 1910; Membership 178.

GOLD VALLEY: Intersection of State Road 231 and County Road 1137 two miles from the Franklin County line; Founding date not reported; Earliest deed May 16, 1900, Book 118, Page 212; Membership 74.

HORNES: Intersection of County Roads 1001 and 1941 one mile from the Wilson County line; Founded in 1829 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 30, 1828, Book 12, Page 380; Membership 244.

MIDDLESEX: Hanes Avenue in the Town of Middlesex; Founded in 1910 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 11, 1909, Book 178, Page 473; Membership 111.

MOUNT PLEASANT: On State Road 581 two miles north of Bailey; Founded in 1817 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 12, 1817, Book 10, Page 100; Membership 257.

- * NASHVILLE: On Washington Street in Nashville; Founded by 1876 when the earliest church records exist; Earliest deed October 12, 1871, Book 25, Page 562; Membership 502.
- * RED OAK: On State Road 43 in the Community of Red Oak; Founded in 1922 according to "Nashville Graphic", November 14, 1968; Earliest deed is for a Methodist Protestant Church, June, 1879, Book 98, Page 29; A second deed is for the M.E. Church, South, January 22, 1921, Book 260, Page 451; Sharon Church deeded November 2, 1808, Book 11, Page 197, located halfway between Red Oak and Nashville, was discontinued in 1922 and some members went to Red Oak; Membership 120.
- * ROCKY MOUNT, ENGLEWOOD: 300 Circle Drive; Founded March 20, 1955 according to a church history; Earliest deed August 13, 1955, Book 637, Page 489; Membership 859.

- * ROCKY MOUNT, FIRST: 100 South Church Street; Founded in 1856 according to a church history; First location in 1857 was the site of the present city public library, two deeds given for the property and one lost and one burned and neither recorded; First deed on record is for present site May 25, 1885, Book 64, Page 60; Membership 1,370.

ROCKY MOUNT, MARVIN: On Falls Road; Founded in 1890 according to general church information; Earliest deed December 3, 1892, Book 85, Page 120; Membership 174.

ROCKY MOUNT, NORTHSIDE: Meeting in temporary quarters; Founded by the appointment on January 1, 1980 of a minister and organized February 10, 1980 according to church records; Membership 42.

- * ROCKY MOUNT, SAINT PAUL: 1217 Bethlehem Road; Founded in 1893 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 15, 1895, Book 98, Page 506; Was South Rocky Mount in 1911 and Saint Paul in 1937; Membership 283.

- * SANDY CROSS: Intersection of State Road 58 and County Road 1717; Founded in 1854 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 21, 1882, Book 64, Page 317; Membership 172.

STANHOPE: On State Road 97 in the Community of Stanhope; Founded in 1878 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 3, 1885, Book 64, Page 141; May have been preceded by Stricklands Chapel M.E. Church, March 2, 1841, Book 19, Page 53; Membership 17.

- * WHITAKERS: On State Road 44 at Edgecombe County line in the Town of Whitakers; Methodists of Edgecombe County met at Whitakers as early as 1827 according to an Edgecombe County history; Founded from Old Temple M. P. church about 1879 according to a church history; Earliest deed is for M. P. Church August 10, 1881, Book 53, Page 211; Earliest deed M.E. Church, South, April 26, 1887, Book 67, Page 212 for land whereon the church then stood; Methodist Protestant Church deed March 25, 1916, Book 220, Page 299; Methodist Protestant property retained in 1938 after merger of the congregations; Membership 184.

- * WHITE OAK: Junction of County Roads 1900 and 1145 about three miles southwest of Nashville; Founded in 1875 according to general church information; Earliest deed December 23, 1812, Book 5, Page 384; Membership 68.

YORKS: Intersection of County Roads 1310 and 1421 in northern Nash County; Founded in 1818 according to Tar River Circuit information; Marnes Chapel, an interdenominational meeting house, deeded July 12, 1793, Book 6, Page 390 became Methodist May 18, 1860, Book 21, Page 680 and sold June 30, 1881, Book 46, Page 499; Membership formed Yorks Chapel for which earliest deed is July 16, 1886, Book 64, Page 441; Membership 146.

B. Former Churches

BATTLEBORO: Earliest deed June 18, 1875; Book 38, Page 500; Methodist Protestant.

BELFORD: Earliest deed June 18, 1936; Book 408, Page 482; Methodist.

CASTALIA: Earliest deed November 7, 1919, Book 255, Page 254; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MAPLE CREEK: Earliest deed April 11, 1896; Book 97, Page 451; Methodist Episcopal, South.

McTYEIRE: Earliest deed is for Whitakers Mill Methodist Church; June 22, 1880, Book 54, Page 170; Methodist Episcopal, South.

RED OAK CROSSROADS: Earliest deed June --, 1879; Book 98, Page 29; Methodist Protestant.

ROCKY MOUNT: Earliest deed September 15, 1901; Book 120, Page 313; Methodist Protestant.

SHARON: Earliest deed November 2, 1808; Book 11, Page 197; Methodist.

WHITAKERS: Earliest deed March 25, 1916; Book 220, Page 299; Methodist Protestant.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * CAROLINA BEACH, SAINT PAUL: Corner of Harper Avenue and Third Street in Carolina Beach; Founded July 18, 1943 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 22, 1943; Book 356, Page 80; Membership 396.

WILMINGTON, DEVON PARK: 3502 Winston Boulevard; Founded in February 1956 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed February 12, 1979, Book 1147, Page 344; Membership 176.

WILMINGTON, EPWORTH: 408 Willard Street; Founded in 1886 as Bladen Street M.E. Church, South according to local church information; Earliest deed April 15, 1887, Book 4-A, Page 156; Became Epworth in 1920; Membership 159.

- * WILMINGTON, FIFTH AVENUE: 409 South Fifth Avenue; Founded in 1847 according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 1, 1847, Book 11, Page 422; Membership 534.
 - * WILMINGTON, GRACE: Corner of Fourth Street and Grace Street; Ministers appointed to Wilmington since 1784; Founded by William Meredith and Jessee Jennett in 1794 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Organized December 25, 1797 according to local church records; Earliest deed for Front Street Church at Front Street and Walnut Street joining property on which the meeting house then stood, February 27, 1802, Book M, Page 62 (was Front Street Brick Church in 1854); Present property deeded May 19, 1886, Book 3-X, Page 560; Membership 649.
 - * WILMINGTON, OLEANDER: 5810 Oleander Drive; Founded in 1957 according to local church records; Greenville Chapel Church founded in 1904 at Seagate according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 20, 1904, Book 40, Page 350; Another deed January 17, 1919, Book 103, Page 385 (these lots sold Book 124, Page 43); Seagate Church merged with Oleander Church in 1958; Earliest Oleander deed March 12, 1974, Book 998, Page 894; Membership 153.
 - * WILMINGTON, PINE VALLEY: 3788 Shipyard Boulevard; Founded September 10, 1961 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 1, 1965, Book 781, Page 379; Membership 644.
- WILMINGTON, SAINT JOHN: 801 North Seventh Street; Founded in 1944 according to a conference history; Earliest deed February 14, 1877, Book 3-M, Page 669; Became Trinity Chapel by 1884 according to Book 3-V, Page 299; Became Saint John by deed June 1, 1961, Book 681, Page 172; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 27.
- WILMINGTON, SUNSET PARK: Corner of Central Boulevard and Washington Street; Founded February 7, 1943 according to a printed history; Earliest deed February 15, 1943, Book 334, Page 446; Membership 360.
- * WILMINGTON, TRINITY: 1403 Market Street; Founded May 28, 1891 after a Sunday school had been organized August 18, 1889 according to a church history; Earliest conveyance a lease for three years April 10, 1891, Book 7, Page 416; Earliest deed May 25, 1894, Book 13, Page 432; Formerly Market Street Church, became Trinity in 1906; Membership 728.

- * WILMINGTON, WESLEY MEMORIAL: 1401 South College Road; Founded in 1914 according to a cornerstone and named Winter Park Methodist Church; Earliest deed February 11, 1915, Book 83, Page 435 and Book 91, Page 492; Became Wesley Memorial Church by May 15, 1919, Book 103, Page 514; Membership 1,610.
- * WRIGHTSBORO: North Kerr Avenue in Wrightsboro; Founded June 8, 1958 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 28, 1958, Book 645, Page 586; Membership 246.
- * WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH: 4 Live Oak Drive on Harbor Island in Wrightsville Beach; Founded in June, 1947 according to a church history; Earliest deed for present site August 4, 1950, Book 481, Page 46; An earlier deed for Wrightsville M.E. Church, South on Wrightsville Sound, February 24, 1908, Book 52, Page 559; Membership 395.

B. Former Churches

ACORN BRANCH: Earliest deed April 18, 1900; Book 28, Page 113; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHANY: Earliest deed July 30, 1874; Book III, Page 557; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CASTLE HAYNE: Earliest deed March 2, 1907; Book 51, Page 630; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CASTLE HEIGHTS: Earliest deed January 8, 1925; Book 164, Page 164; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FEDERAL POINT: Earliest deed November 29, 1909; Book 59, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GREENVILLE CHAPEL: Earliest deed June 20, 1904; Book 40, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROSPECT: Earliest deed September 4, 1874; Book III, Page 722; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WILMINGTON: Earliest deed April 16, 1850; Book HH, Page 279; Methodist Protestant.

WRIGHTSVILLE: Earliest deed February 24, 1908; Book 52; Page 559; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 9, 1847; Book II, Page 530.
Methodist Episcopal, South: May 18, 1900; Book 29, Page 84.
Methodist Protestant: August 21, 1860; Book WWW, Page 124.

A. Present Churches

BETHANY: Intersection of County Road 1508 and State Road 35 in the Community of Milwaukee; Founded in 1889 according to Virginia Conference Records; Earliest deed January 15, 1889, Book 85, Page 569; Membership 263.

- * CONCORD: On County Road 1300 near Virginia State line; Founded in 1793 according to a local church history; Earliest deed June 12, 1793, Book 10, Page 60; Membership 60.

CONWAY: Intersection of State Road 35 and U.S. Highway 158; Founded in 1904 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 5, 1904, Book 132, Page 428; Membership 227.

GARYSBURG: Just off U.S. Highway 301 in the Town of Garysburg; Founded about 1814 as a traditional beginning according to a church history; Earliest deed March 13, 1849, Book 33, Page 213; Formerly Moore's Chapel; Membership 52.

JACKSON: Town of Jackson; Founded in 1845 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 15, 1845, Book 32, Page 71; Membership 175.

LEBANON: Intersection of County Roads 1200 and 1201 just off U.S. Interstate 95; Founded in 1853 according to a printed history; Earliest deed for a "lately erected meeting house called Lebanon", February 27, 1807, Book 13, Page 292; Methodist Protestant by 1853 according to deed December 19, 1853, Book 73, Page 42; Membership 151.

NEW HOPE: On County Road 1514 one half mile south of Lasker; Founded in 1870 according to a church deed; Earliest deed probably August 28, 1822, Book 22, Page 123; Another deed November 12, 1870, Book 40, Page 169 for land adjoining New Hope Church; Membership 153.

OAK GROVE: On County Road 1209 at Virginia State line; Founded in 1821 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 30, 1821, Book 21, Page 32; Membership 63.

- * PLEASANT GROVE: Intersection of County Roads 1311 and 1314 three miles north of Jackson; Founded in 1836 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 10, 1836, Book 27, Page 315 for land whereon the meeting house called Pleasant Grove was situated; Membership 99.

PLEASANT HILL: On U.S. Highway 301 at the Virginia State line; Founded in October 1914 according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for multiple purpose, March 6, 1890, Book 90, Page 26; Another deed is for Methodist Protestant Church, May 13, 1908, Book 138, Page 614; Membership 56.

* REHOBOTH: Community of Rehoboth two and a half miles east of Boones Crossroads; Founded in 1798 according to a church history; Francis Asbury visited Richard Whitaker December 4, 1796 and again in 1799, preached in Rehoboth Chapel from 1801 to 1804; Earliest deed August 28, 1798, Book 10, Page 412; Present site November 25, 1858, Book 37, Page 248; Membership 180.

* RICH SQUARE: On U.S. Highway 258 in Rich Square; Founded in 1895 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 4, 1895, Book 98, Page 209; Membership 218.

SEABOARD: On State Road 305 in the Town of Seaboard; Founded in 1881 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 5, 1881, Book 64, Page 529; Membership 95.

SEVERN: On State Road 35 in the Town of Severn; Founded in 1815 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 17, 1815, Book 25, Page 147 for land whereon a meeting house called Providence then stood; Providence as late as June 13, 1931; Book 161, Page 71 and Severn by 1931; Membership 58.

SHARON: On County Road 1322 three miles east of Margarettsville; Founded in 1839 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 7, 1839, Book 29, Page 115; Membership 71.

* SHILOH: On State Road 46 just west of the Town of Gaston; Founded in 1880 according to a church deed; Earliest deed April 30, 1880, Book 56, Page 434; Membership 277.

* WOODLAND: On U.S. Highway 258 in the Town of Woodland; Founded in 1883 according to a printed history; Earliest deed July 9, 1883, Book 64, Page 553; Membership 140.

ZION: On County Road 1504 just south of the intersection of County Road 1504 and U.S. Highway 158; Founded in 1822 according to a church bulletin; Earliest deed August 1, 1822, Book 22, Page 128; Membership 170.

B. Former Churches

FIDELITY: Earliest deed June 1, 1850; Book 34, Page 102; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GASTON: Earliest deed March 8, 1849; Book 33, Page 114; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GUMBERRY: Earliest deed January 22, 1894; Book 93, Page 312; Methodist Protestant.

LASKER: Earliest deed August 27, 1906; Book 128, Page 505; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPEL: Earliest deed August 13, 1855; Book 36, Page 352; Methodist Protestant.

PINNERS: Earliest deed October 5, 1820; Book 20, Page 435; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: November 6, 1794; Book 10, Page 172.

Methodist: August 15, 1839; Book 29, Page 395.

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 15, 1892; Book 93, Page 22.

ONSLOW COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BELGRADE: On U.S. Highway 17 in the Town of Belgrade; Founded in 1918 according to a church cornerstone; Earliest deed February 24, 1917, Book 125, Page 211; Membership 130.

CARROLLS CHAPEL: Community of Sneads Ferry; Founded in 1901 according to local church records; Listed as a preaching place on Onslow Mission in 1894 named Sneads Ferry; Earliest deed November 14, 1904, Book 82, Page 470; Present site deeded February 19, 1910, Book 110, Page 274; Known as Carrolls Chapel since 1948; Membership 196.

HAW BRANCH: On County Road 1230 one half mile west of State Road 24 near the Duplin County line; Founded in 1880 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed November 11, 1914, Book 121, Page 292; Original church lot sold February 6, 1915, Book 121, Page 593; Membership 57.

* JACKSONVILLE, NORTHWOODS: Corner of Gum Branch Road and Henderson Drive; Founded by the appointment on June 26, 1958 of a minister and organized November 9, 1958 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 24, 1961, Book 306, Page 135; Membership 863.

JACKSONVILLE, PINE VALLEY: 910 Pine Valley Road; Founded as Brynn Marr by the appointment on June 7, 1979 of a minister and organized January 10, 1980 as Pine Valley according to Annual Conference records; Earliest deed November 12, 1980, Book 589, Page 142; Membership 154.

JACKSONVILLE, TRINITY: On U.S. Highway 17 at Bordeaux Street; Founded November 15, 1894 according to local church records and a cornerstone; Earliest deed July 4, 1893, Book 54, Page 284; Membership 1,668.

- * MIDWAY: On County road 1442 one half mile west of White Oak River near the Carteret County line; Founded as Stella Methodist Church about 1891 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 27, 1922, Book 137, Page 351; Became Midway in 1926 as a result of a merger of two congregations at Stella and Silverdale; Membership 172.

OAK GROVE: Intersection of County Roads 1502 and 1505 in the Bear Creek Community; Founded in 1925 as a mission from Queens Creek Church according to local church information; Earliest deed December 22, 1922, Book 137, Page 425; Membership 147.

- * QUEENS CREEK: On State Road 24 one mile west of Hubert; Founded about 1780 according to local church information; Francis Asbury held "Quarterly Conference" at Queens Creek in December, 1785 according to History of Methodism in North Carolina, Grissom; Queens Creek a preaching appointment on the Trent Circuit in 1796; Earliest deed December 28, 1833, Book 20, Page 150; The original church was a Meeting House built on land granted on November 9, 1784, Land Grant Book 25, Page 68; Membership 274.

- * RICHLANDS: Corner of Hargett Street and Wilmington Street in Richlands; Founded in 1791 in connection with a visit by Francis Asbury according to Asbury's Journal and an article in the "North Carolina Christian Advocate", April 2, 1890; Richland Chappel was a preaching appointment of the Goshen Circuit in 1792; A parsonage is on the site of the early meeting house; Earliest deed April 13, 1795, Book T, Page 18; Membership 400.

- * SWANSBORO: On State Road 24 in the Town of Swansboro, Francis Asbury reported preaching in "Swansbury" in 1780; "Swansborough" a preaching appointment in the New River Circuit in 1815; Founded March 1, 1871 according to local church history; Earliest deed is a grantor deed February 22, 1890, Book 49, Page 113; Membership 683.

- * TABERNACLE: On County Road 1434 four miles south of Belgrade; Founded in 1806 according to local church information; Was Tabernacle Meeting House in 1818; Earliest deed August 26, 1829 for land whereon the church then stood Book 20, Page 92; Membership 154.

VERONA: Community of Verona; Organized in 1895 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Founded in 1922 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 14, 1934, Book 170, Page 281; Membership 65.

B. Former Churches

DIXONS: Earliest deed October 25, 1910; Book 111, Page 174; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FOLKSTONE: Earliest deed August 27, 1906; Book 92, Page 319; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GUM BRANCH: Earliest deed June 8, 1927; Book 150, Page 537; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MOUNT LEBANON: Earliest deed October 14, 1875; Book 34, Page 294; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT PAUL: Earliest deed December 7, 1967; Book 375, Page 108; United Methodist.

SWANSBORO: Earliest deed June 11, 1889; Book 50, Page 325; Methodist Episcopal.

TRUESDALE: Earliest deed April 26, 1941; Book 191, Page 602; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: April 16, 1880; Book 41, Page 494.

ORANGE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

* CARR: On State Road 49 at the intersection of County Road 1004 in the Community of Carr; Founded in 1913 according to a county history; Earliest deed November 1, 1915, Book 70, Page 240; Membership 44.

* CARRBORO: 500 Hillsborough Road in the Town of Carrboro; Founded in July, 1910 according to a printed history; Earliest deed September 5, 1912, Book 65, Page 425; Membership 566.

- * CEDAR GROVE: On County Road 1357 near County Road 1004 in the Cedar Grove Community; Founded in 1832 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 30, 1832, Book 25, Page 146; Membership 220.
- * CHAPEL HILL, ALDERSGATE: On U.S. Highway 15-501 By-Pass at Laurel Hill Road; Founded by pastoral appointment in 1955 and organized September 27, 1955 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 20, 1956, Book 158, Page 530; Membership 279.
- * CHAPEL HILL, AMITY: 825 Estes Drive; Founded April 6, 1958 according to local church records; Earliest deed is for parsonage December 31, 1957, Book 165, Page 398; Another deed October 9, 1958, Book 168, Page 354; Membership 210.
- * CHAPEL HILL, UNIVERSITY: On Franklin Street; Founded about 1840 and organized in 1843 according to a printed history; Earliest deed 1852 according to local church information but not identified in the Orange County Registry (sold March 8, 1889, Book 52, Page 154); Later deeds were August 6, 1878, Book 45, Page 468 and December 19, 1922, Book 82, Page 392; Membership 1,137.
- * CHESTNUT RIDGE: On County Road 1176 seven miles southwest of Hillsborough; Founded in September, 1832 according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for Chestnut Oak Ridge Meeting House, June 24, 1833, Book 26, Page 209; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 190.
- * CLOVER GARDEN: On County Road 1958 one mile south of State Road 54 two miles east of the Alamance County line; Founded in 1836 according to a church history; Earliest deed July 28, 1952, Book 142, Page 175; Formerly Flint Hill Camp Meeting House, became Clover Garden about 1855; Membership 90.
- EFLAND: On U.S. Highway 70 in Efland; Founded May 14, 1905 according to Orange County by H. T. Lefler and P. W. Wager; Earliest deed February 5, 1914, Book 68, Page 153; An earlier deed probably April 4, 1904, Book 57, Page 449; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 361.
- * ENO: On Eno Street in West Hillsborough; Founded in 1906 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 21, 1907, Book 60, Page 203; Membership 100.
- * HILLSBOROUGH: 126 West Tryon Street in Hillsborough; Founded in 1807 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury preached in Hillsborough as early as 1780; Earliest deed February 21, 1823, Book 20, Page 378; A later deed April 4, 1859, Book 36, Page 156; Membership 455.

LEBANON: On County Road 1306 two miles east of Mebane; Founded in 1820 according to local church information and a cornerstone; Earliest deed September 21, 1897, Book 54, Page 504; Membership 176.

NEW BETHEL: Junction of County Road 1521 and State Road 57 in extreme northeastern part of Orange County; Founded in 1859 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 22, 1867, Book 45, Page 402; Membership 153.

- * NEW SHARON: On County Road 1538 five miles northeast of Hillsborough; Founded by 1797 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 14, 1856, Book 41, Page 393 recorded in 1873; Another deed October 3, 1873, Book 42, Page 57; Original preaching place called Sharon Meeting House; Membership 256.

ORANGE: On State Road 86 two miles north of Chapel Hill; Founded in 1832 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 31, 1836, Book 27, Page 126; An identical deed October 31, 1836; Book 27, Page 137; Membership 276.

- * ORANGE CHAPEL: Intersection of County Roads 1956 and 1005 in extreme southwestern part of Orange County; Founded in 1850 according to local church information; Earliest deed April--, 1873, Book 43, Page 231; A later deed November 4, 1901, Book 65, Page 478 (This second deed included land given in the first deed); Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 172.

PALMERS GROVE: On County Road 1562 one and a half miles north of U.S. Highway 70; Founded in 1918 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 6, 1933, Book 99, Page 271; Another deed January 5, 1937, Book 105, Page 322; Membership 82.

- * PLEASANT GREEN: On County Road 1567 one mile west of the Durham County line; Founded in 1832 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 25, 1832, Book 46, Page 467 and recorded May 15, 1880; Membership 175.

UNION GROVE: On County Road 1179 six miles south of Hillsborough; Founded in 1846 according to a printed history; Earliest deed May 26, 1852, Book 34, Page 297; A later deed June 12, 1871, Book 41, Page 402; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 118.

- * WALNUT GROVE: Intersection of County Roads 1001 and 1508 five miles south of the Person County line; Founded in 1841 according to local church records; Earliest deed January 6, 1891, Book 53, Page 6,; A later deed June 2, 1894, Book 53, Page 554; Membership 280.

B. Former Churches

PETTIS CHAPEL: Earliest deed January 1, 1907; Book 64, Page 270; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: December 22, 1814; Book 16, Page 46.
Methodist Episcopal: November 20, 1822; Book 20, Page 257.
Methodist Episcopal: November 25, 1822; Book 20, Page 379.
Methodist Episcopal: November 22, 1823; Book 21, Page 245.
Methodist Episcopal: September 26, 1838; Book 28, Page 377.

PAMLICO COUNTY

A. Present Churches

ALLIANCE: On Main Street in the Town of Alliance; Founded in 1913 according to a church deed; Earliest deed April 30, 1913, Book 60, Page 180; Membership 72.

ARAPAHOE: Town of Arapahoe; Founded in 1875 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 30, 1889, Book 17, Page 240; Membership 115.

BAYBORO: On the Vandemere Highway in the Town of Bayboro; Founded in 1882; Earliest deed May 4, 1885, Book 11, Page 410; Formerly named Milton Church Free; Membership 134.

- * HOBUCKEN: Community of Hobucken; Founded in 1895 according to a church history; Meetings held in the Alliance Hall which belonged to The Alliance Order; Earliest deed December 17, 1928, Book 85, Page 447 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 70.

ORIENTAL: Corner of Church Street and New Street in Oriental; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 13, 1887, Book 15, Page 73; Another deed April 13, 1897, Book 23, Page 65; Membership 267.

PAMLICO: On Main Road in the Community of Pamlico; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed April, 1883, Book 9, Page 176 and exchanged for present site October 28, 1905, Book 41, Page 377; Membership 62.

REELSBORO: Community of Reelsboro; Founded in 1898 according to a church deed; Earliest deed March 15, 1898, Book 27, Page 581; Membership 68.

- * STONEWALL: On Main Street in the Community of Stonewall; Founded in 1848 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 29, 1857, Book 10, Page 330 according to local church information; Earliest deed recorded in 1884, Book 10, Page 330; Membership 128.

VANDEMERE: Community of Vandemere; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed June 15, 1910, Book 53, Page 210; Membership 50.

B. Former Churches

BERNARDS CHAPEL: Earliest deed September 21, 1896; Book 58, Page 297; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: July 11, 1885; Book 11, Page 445.

Methodist Episcopal, South: March 4, 1907; Book 44, Page 399.

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 18, 1923; Book 79, Page 474.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * ELIZABETH CITY, CITY ROAD: 509 North Road Street; Founded in 1900 from First Church according to local church information; Earliest deed February 19, 1901, Book 23, Page 68; Membership 453.

- * ELIZABETH CITY, FIRST: Corner of Church Street and Road Street; Founded by Edward Dromgoole and Jesse Lee December 1, 1782 after which services were held in the courthouse according to a church history; Organized about 1804 at which time Francis Asbury visited Elizabeth City; Earliest deed November 22, 1827, Book Y, Page 272; Membership 916.

- * ELIZABETH CITY, GRACE: On North Road Street Extension; Founded June 19, 1955 according to a printed history; Earliest deed June 15, 1956, Book 194, Page 145; Membership 75.
- * ELIZABETH CITY, RIVERSIDE: 1400 Edgewood Drive; Founded in January, 1954 when the first pastor was assigned; First service held February 5, 1954 in a parsonage and the church was organized April 11, 1954 according to a printed history; Earliest deed May 13, 1954, Book 174, Page 454; Membership 390.
- * HALLS CREEK: On County Road 1140 three miles east of U.S. Highway 17 one and a half miles north of Nixonton; Founded by tradition as a Friends Church in 1727 and became Methodist related by 1819 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 1, 1819, Book V, Page 317 for the purpose of building a Methodist Meeting House; Membership 81.
- * MOUNT HERMON: Just off County Road 1140 one and a half miles west of U.S. Highway 17 near Little River; Founded in 1857 according to a church history; Earliest deed may be November 2, 1846, Book F-F, Page 363; Earliest certain deed March 26, 1902, Book 24, Page 387; Membership 203.
- * NEWBEGUN: On County Road 1181 in the Weeksville Community; Founded from an early meeting house in existence as early as January, 1791 and named Rehoboth; Earliest deed October 31, 1784, Book J, Page 283; Membership 128.
- * NEWLAND: On State Road 158 one mile west of U.S. Highway 17; Founded in 1837 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed December 29, 1886, Book 8, Page 292; Membership 225.
- * UNION: On County Road 1102 two miles east of the Community of Weeksville; Founded by 1826 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 3, 1826, Book Y, Page 46; Membership 131.

B. Former Churches

NIXONTON: Earliest deed June 7, 1792; Book M, Page 19; Methodist.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed November 8, 1822; Book BB, Page 88; Methodist.

ELIZABETH CITY, FIRST: Earliest deed April 25, 1898; Book 19, Page 200; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: April 21, 1791; Book M, Page 89.

Methodist: September 21, 1814; Book V, Page 292.

Methodist: August 20, 1827; Book Z, Page 55.

Methodist: September 15, 1898; Book 20, Page 102.

A. Present Churches

BURGAW: Corner of Bridges Street and Walker Street in Burgaw; Founded in 1896 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 1, 1884, Book L, Page 332; Membership 351.

- * HAMPSTEAD: Community of Hampstead; Founded in 1907 according to a church plaque; Earliest deed February 21, 1910, Book 69, Page 245; Membership 216.

HERRINGS CHAPEL: Just off County Road 1120 four miles west of Burgaw; Founded 1835 according to general church information; Earliest deed April 15, 1862, Book A, Page 412 and registered July 14, 1876; Membership 118.

JORDANS CHAPEL: On County Road 1411 one and a half miles east of U.S. Highway 117; Founded in 1908 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 5, 1908, Book 60, Page 62 (Earlier deed probably November 22, 1888, Book M, Page 147); Membership 115.

ROCKY POINT: Intersection of U.S. Highway 117 and State Road 210 near Rocky Point; Founded by 1877 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 7, 1877, Book 1, Page 299; Rocky Point first named as a circuit in the Wilmington District in 1854; Membership 124.

UNION CHAPEL: On State Road 210 four miles west of Hampstead; Founded in 1852 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 16, 1852, Book K-K, Page 289 in New Hanover County Registry; Membership 60.

WATHA: On County Road 1318 at Watha; Founded in 1900 according to a church history; Earliest deed June 17, 1907 Book 56, Page 73; Membership 63.

- * WESLEYAN CHAPEL: On U.S Highway 17 at the New Hanover County line; Founded in 1824 according to Circuit Minutes; The church was dedicated August 23, 1874; Became Wesleyan Chapel by 1910 according to a church deed; Earliest deed January 7, 1850, Book II, Page 438 New Hanover County Registry; Another deed November 10, 1873, Book B, Page 13; Scotts Hill Mission named in Conference Minutes in 1854; Membership 86.

WESTVIEW: On State Road 53 five miles west of Burgaw; Founded May 10, 1964 according to local church records; Earliest deed April 1, 1964, Book 381, Page 293; Membership 87.

B. Former Churches

ATKINSON: Earliest deed October 29, 1923; Book 159, Page 297; Methodist Episcopal, South.

EPWORTH: Earliest deed June 16, 1909; Book 67, Page 82; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MACEDONIA: Earliest deed January 18, 1886; Book K, Page 209; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MADOW BRIDGE: Earliest deed August --, 1854; Book M, Page 29; New Hanover County Registry; Methodist Episcopal, South.

TRINITY: Earliest deed August 6, 1898; Book X, Page 131, Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 27, 1888; Book M, Page 147.
Methodist: September 13, 1900; Book CC, Page 387.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY

A. Present Churches

ANDERSON: Near the intersection of County Roads 1107 and 1110 two miles west of Hertford; Founded in 1885 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 29, 1888, Book WW, Page 404; Membership 70.

BETHANY: On County Road 1200 two and a half miles north of Belvidere; Founded as Hickory Cross Church by 1811 according to Register of the Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library and became Bethany in 1888; Earliest deed September 17, 1857, Book FF, Page 62 for land whereon Hickory Cross Church then stood; Another deed October 7, 1886, Book WW, Page 72; Membership 34.

* CEDAR GROVE: On U.S. Highway 17 two miles northeast of Hertford; Founded in 1818 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 9, 1818, Book T, Page 622; Membership 93.

* EPWORTH: On State Road 37 in the Town of Winfall; Founded in 1903 according to local church information; Formed by members from Bethany and Cedar Grove Churches according to a church history; Earliest deed is to trustees of the Atlantic Mission Conference, M.E. Church of the Winfall Circuit, January 8, 1898, Book 2, Page 487 (This property sold November 10, 1916, Book 11, Page 520); Another deed March 6, 1903, Book 6, Page 145; Membership 92.

- * HERTFORD, FIRST: Corner of Market Street and Covent Street in Hertford; Founded about 1822 according to church records and Register of Gates Circuit, 1867, Duke University Library; Earliest deed July 23, 1838, Book Z, Page 142; Formerly Hertford Methodist Church; Membership 549.
- * NEW HOPE: On County Road 1300 in the Community of Durant's Neck; Founded by 1809 on the site of Nags Head Chapel which was built in 1708 according to a local church history; Francis Asbury visited this chapel at least twice between 1799 and 1804; Earliest deed June 2, 1809, Book T, Page 160 for land whereon the meeting house then stood; Present church site June 10, 1815, Book T, Page 221; Membership 205.
- OAK GROVE: On County Road 1215 between Chapanoke and County Road 1221 near Little River; Founded in 1814 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 23, 1814, Book T, Page 62; Membership 87.
- * WOODLAND: On County Road 1303 near the intersection with County Road 1305 about two miles south of U.S. Highway 17; Founded September 30, 1917 when members from Cedar Grove Church built the church according to a church history; Earliest deed April 28, 1917, Book 11, Page 564; Membership 160.

B. Former Churches

BURGESS, WHITE MEMORIAL: Earliest deed ----, 1915; Book 11, Page 60; Methodist Episcopal, South.

OAK HILL: Earliest deed November 15, 1875; Book NN, Page 68; Methodist Episcopal.

PLEASANT GROVE: Earliest deed May 1, 1913; Book 10, Page 130; Methodist Episcopal.

WOODVILLE: Earliest deed May 26, 1855; Book DD, Page 684; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist: April 5, 1875; Book LL, Page 454.

Methodist: April 4, 1901; Book 5, Page 326.

A. Present Churches

- * ALLENSVILLE: Intersection of County Roads 1536 and 1542 four miles west of the Granville County line; Founded in 1834 according to local church records; Formerly Bethlehem, the earliest deed November 30, 1858, Book U, Page 397 is for Allensville Church; Membership 219.

BROOKLAND: On U.S. Highway 158 two miles east of Roxboro; Founded in 1889 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 5, 1889, Book HH, Page 493; Membership 106.

- * BROOKSDALE: On U.S. Highway 158 at Roxboro city limits; Founded April 23, 1893 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 27, 1894, Book NN, Page 422; Membership 208.

CONCORD: On State Road 57 two and a half miles south of Lake Hyco; Founded in 1815 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 12, 1894, Book NN, Page 185 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 227.

HELENA: On County Road 1715 in the Community of Timberlake; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 21, 1904, Book 5, Page 24; Membership 166.

LEAS CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 158 three miles east of the Caswell County line; Founded as an Anglican Chapel in 1750, Became Methodist related in 1784 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 11, 1835, Book 78, Page 495 recorded June 7, 1957; Membership 108.

MOUNT TIRZAH: On County Road 1715 near the intersection with County Road 1717 two miles east of the Community of Timberlake; Founded by 1819 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 10, 1819, Book E, Page 246 for land whereon the meeting house then stood; Membership 64.

- * MOUNT ZION: On County Road 1133 just off State Road 157 three miles north of Hurdle Mills; Founded by 1786 according to records at Flat River Baptist Church and known as Hargis Meeting House; Methodist related by 1835; Earliest deed December 9, 1835, Book M, Page 56; Membership 276.

OAK GROVE: On County Road 1335 just north of County Road 1337 in the Chub Lake Community; Founded in 1828 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 17, 1828, Book K, Page 79; Membership 332.

ROXBORO, CA-VEL: On U.S. Highway 501 and County Road 1326 in north Roxboro; Founded February 5, 1938 according to local church records; Earliest conveyance a lease February 6, 1958, Book 81, Page 109; Membership 173.

ROXBORO, GRACE: 313 Church Street; Founded in 1916 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed for Edgar Long Memorial Church of Roxboro November 27, 1916, Book 25, Page 87; Formerly East Roxboro, became Grace by 1957; Membership 281.

ROXBORO, LONGHURST: On Providence Road in the Longhurst Community; Founded in 1915 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed January 31, 1917, Book 25, Page 203; Membership 291.

* ROXBORO, LONG MEMORIAL: 226 North Main Street; Founded March 26, 1822 according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for Cool Spring Meeting House, March 26, 1822, Book F, Page 83; Present site deeded November 25, 1854, Book EE, Page 31; Membership 852.

SALEM: On State Road 49 four miles northeast of the Caswell County line; Founded about 1850 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 27, 1897, Book UU, Page 1; Membership 223.

WARRENS GROVE: Intersection of State Road 49 and County Road 1152 three miles southwest of Roxboro; Founded in 1920 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 5, 1935, Book 47, Page 237; Membership 168.

. Former Churches

HURDLE MILLS: Earliest deed June 6, 1916; Book 24, Page 338; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed September 21, 1921; Book 32, Page 161; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WEBBS CHAPEL: Earliest deed November 10, 1879; Book W, Page 474; Methodist.

WESLEYS CHAPEL: Earliest deed March 5, 1840; Book O, Page 205; Methodist.

WOODSDALE: Earliest deed December 4, 1899; Book SS, Page 471; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * AYDEN: 309 West Third Street in Ayden; Founded in 1885 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 21, 1891, Book J-5, Page 73; Membership 563.

- * BETHEL: Corner of Washington Street and James Street in Bethel; Founded in 1814 according to a printed history; Francis Asbury visited the Bethel Community four times between 1782 and 1804; Earliest deed October 11, 1814, Book T, Page 270; Membership 496.

BETHLEHEM: Near the Community of Bell Arthur; Founded in 1869 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 15, 1869, Book Y-Y, Page 93; Formerly Bell Arthur Methodist Church, became Bethlehem by 1965; Membership 112.

- * FARMVILLE: 903 West Church Street in Farmville; Founded in 1901 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 24, 1902, Book Q-7, Page 401; Membership 440.

- * GREENVILLE, HOLY TRINITY: 1400 Red Banks Road; Founded November 6, 1966 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 27, 1966, Book Q-36, Page 356; Formerly named Dellwood Methodist Church until organization date; Membership 246.

- * GREENVILLE, JARVIS MEMORIAL: 510 South Washington Street; Founded in 1782 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 7, 1833, Book G-G, Page 61; Formerly Saint Paul Church, became Jarvis Memorial in 1907; Membership 1,887.

- * GREENVILLE, SAINT JAMES: 2000 East Sixth Street; Founded July 13, 1952 according to local church records; Earliest deed July 16, 1952, Book N-26, Page 56; Membership 1,374.

- * GRIFTON: Corner of McRae Street and Brooks Alley in Grifton; Sunday school organized in 1876 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Founded in 1883 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 16, 1886, Book B-6, Page 48; Membership 364.

GRIMESLAND: On U.S. Highway 264 in Grimesland; Founded in 1894 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 9, 1894, Book W-5, Page 243; Membership 58.

MONK: On U.S. Highway 258 two miles west of Farmville; Founded in 1949 according to a church deed; Earliest deed March 17, 1949, Book I-25, Page 563; Membership 43.

SALEM: Community of Simpson four miles east of Greenville; Founded in 1875 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 23, 1880, Book P-3, Page 507; Membership 260.

STOKES: On State Road 903 in the Community of Stokes; Founded in June, 1914 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest record is mortgage deed 1915; Book F-11, Page 590 against land conveyed by J. L. Perkins and wife to trustees but not recorded in the index; Membership 52.

WESLEY: On County Road 1221 near intersection of State Road 121 and County Road 1200 two miles north of Farmville; Founded in 1944 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 26, 1944, Book E-24, Page 638; Membership 93.

B. Former Churches

BEREA: Earliest deed October 15, 1882; Book C-4, Page 5; Methodist Episcopal, South.

LITTLES CHAPEL: Earliest deed July 30, 1853; Book NN, Page 349; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MACEDONIA: Earliest deed October 2, 1895; Book F-6, Page 490; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SHADY GROVE: Earliest deed July 20, 1898; Book N-6, Page 334; Methodist Episcopal.

SHELMERDINE: Earliest deed October 31, 1904; Book B-8, Page 234; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WINTERVILLE: Earliest deed March 20, 1900; Book X-6, Page 308; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: April 21, 1874; Book YY, Page 109.
Methodist Episcopal, South: July 16, 1881; Book S-3, Page 208.
Methodist Episcopal, South: February 1, 1894; Book P-5, Page 361.
Methodist Protestant: July 1, 1886; Book W-5, Page 314.
Methodist Episcopal, South: March 30, 1898; Book T-6, Page 360.
Methodist Episcopal, South: April 30, --; Book S-7, Page 483;
Registered September 8, 1903.

A. Present Churches

- * BEAVER DAM: Intersection of County Road 1475 and 1486 four miles west of U.S. Highway 1; Founded in 1857 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 8, 1885, Book SS, Page 354; Membership 57.

CONCORD: On County Road 1322 one mile east of Covington; Founded in 1787 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 7, 1955, Book 372, Page 144 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 117.

CORDOVA: Town of Cordova; Founded about 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 13, 1899, Book N-3, Page 294; Originally known as the Methodist Church at Steele's Mills; Membership 236.

ELLERBE: Corner of Main Street and Ballard Street in Ellerbe; Founded May 10, 1894 according to a church deed; Earliest deed May 10, 1894, Book D-3, Page 303 to trustees of Fair Grounds M.E. Church, South; Membership 122.

- * GREEN LAKE: Intersection of County Roads 1424 and 1441; Founded in 1854 according to a printed history and composed of the membership from Zoar and Pleasant Hill and Bear Branch according to Methodism in Richmond County and Rockingham, Everett, Duke University Library; Earliest deed October 2, 1855, Book W, Page 402; Membership 103.

- * HAMLET, FELLOWSHIP 1200 McDonald Avenue; Founded as Fairview Methodist Church February 9, 1954 and organized as Fellowship September 19, 1954 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 16, 1954, Book 355, Page 338; Membership 298.

- * HAMLET, FIRST: 300 Charlotte Street; Founded in 1877 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 28, 1904, Book V-3, Page 274; Membership 962.

- * HAMLET, SAINT PETER: Church Street and Bridges Street; Founded in 1878 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 27, 1878, Book E-3, Page 158; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 159.

- * HOFFMAN: On U.S. Highway 1 in the Community of Hoffman; Founded about 1900 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 17, 1908, Book 56, Page 146; Membership 56.

HOFFMAN, FLETCHERS CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 1 in the Community of Hoffman; Founded about 1889 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed January 1, 1910, Book 102, Page 417; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 87.

JONES SPRINGS: On County Road 1153 one mile south of the Montgomery County line; Founded in 1879 according to Methodism in Richmond County and Rockingham, Everett, Duke University Library; Earliest deed September 23, 1907, Book 53, Page 330; Membership 118.

LEDBETTER: Intersection of County Road 1434 and 1441; Founded in 1888 according to a church history; Earliest deed February 26, 1973, Book 552, Page 499; Membership 100,

MOUNT PLEASANT: Intersection of County Roads 1309 and 1148; Founded in 1780 according to a church history; Earliest deed February 8, 1861, Book X, Page 603; Another deed registered November 14, 1918, Book 114, Page 13 for land whereon the church and graveyard are located; Membership 84.

* NORMAN: Community of Norman; Founded in 1921 according to Methodism in Richmond County and Rockingham, Everett, Duke University Library; Earliest deed November 12, 1923, Book 170, Page 30; Membership 107.

PHILADELPHIA: Intersection of County Roads 1442 and 1489 one mile north of U.S. Highway 1; Founded about 1887 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed October 5, 1872, Book EE, Page 297; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 141.

ROBERDEL: 1318 Roberdel Road in the Community of Roberdel; Founded in 1887 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 23, 1888, Book UU, Page 93; Formerly the Pee Dee Mission; Membership 200.

ROCKINGHAM, EAST: 200 Beaunit Avenue; Founded in 1903 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 12, 1923; Book 140, Page 144; Membership 295.

* ROCKINGHAM, FIRST: 410 East Washington Street; Founded in 1786 as "Night's Chapel" according to a church marker and printed history; Earliest deed November 12, 1832, Book O, Page 190; First Church since 1832; Membership 1,088.

* ROCKINGHAM, GLENWOOD: On Aldren Drive one block, from U.S. Highway 74; Founded in August, 1944 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 1, 1945, Book 266, Page 168; Membership 296.

* ROCKINGHAM, PEE DEE: On U.S. Highway 220 north of city limits; Founded in 1905 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 25, 1905, Book X-3, Page 23, Formerly Community Church until 1939; Membership 324.

* ROCKINGHAM, TRINITY: 419 Midway Road; Founded in 1904 according to local church history; Earliest deed November 18, 1912, Book 76, Page 293; Formerly Midway Community Church until conveyed to Methodist Conference in 1904; Membership 85.

ROCKINGHAM, WEST: 515 West Washington Street; Founded in 1915 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 19, 1916, Book 94, Page 564; Membership 360.

- * SAINT PAUL: Intersection of County Road 1104 and 1971 eight miles south of Rockingham on Sandhill Road off U.S. Highway 1; Founded in 1880 for brush arbor worship according to a printed history; Earliest deed May 10, 1883, Book KK, Page 389; Membership 161.

ZION: On County Road 1140 just off U.S. Highway 74 three miles west of Rockingham; Founded in 1829 according to local church records; Earliest deed March 23, 1857, Book Y, Page 30; Formerly a Presbyterian Meeting House; Membership 169.

B. Former Churches

BETHEL: Earliest deed December 24, 1795; Book Z, Page 365; Methodist.

BETHEL: Earliest deed June 8, 1925; Book 167, Page 232; Methodist Episcopal, South.

GOOD HOPE: Earliest deed March 2, 1949; Book 303, Page 277; Methodist.

HEBRON: Earliest deed April 26, 1881; Book HH, Page 59; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HOPEWELL: Earliest deed January 25, 1905; Book 53, Page 296; Methodist Episcopal.

MOUNT OLIVE: Earliest deed March 13, 1908; Book 54, Page 311; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW HOPE: Earliest deed August 29, 1817; Book N, Page 342; Meeting House.

ROCKINGHAM MISSION: Earliest deed July 3, 1912; Book 75, Page 179; Methodist Episcopal.

STRICKLINS: Earliest deed December 23, 1817; Book N, Page 142; Methodist.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: January 17, 1905; Book XXX, Page 184.

A. Present Churches

- * ASHPOLE-CENTER: On County Road 2422 two miles north of Rowland; Founded in 1880 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 5, 1880, Book YY, Page 130 for the same tract as described in a deed September 21, 1904, Book 4-U, Page 517 for Bethel M.E. Church, South: Became Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Ashpole by 1950; Membership 90.

BARKERS: Intersection of County Roads 1005 and 1958 five miles north of Lumberton; Founded by 1879 at which time Barkers is named a preaching place in the Lumberton Circuit according to "The Robesonian", May 23, 1971; Earliest deed January 26, 1883; Book 3-C, Page 105; Membership 137.

BEAUTY SPOT: On County Road 1179 just off State Road 710 one half mile north of the Community of Purvis; Founded in 1869 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 29, 1885, Book 3-G, Page 273 for land whereon the church then stood; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 140.

- * BETHESDA: On County Road 2225 one and a half miles west of the Community of Barnesville; Traditional beginning in 1711 as a community church according to a church history; Earliest documented date 1862 according to Scrap Book of Asbury Church; May have been a part of the South Carolina Conference as early as 1850; Earliest deed September 25, 1914, Book 6-J, Page 400; McKendree and Bethesda consolidated in 1927; Membership 504.

BUIE: Intersection of County Roads 1509 and 1318 in the Community of Buie; Founded in 1900 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 17, 1904, Book 4-V, Page 429; Membership 31.

COLLINS CHAPEL: Intersection of County Roads 1750 and 1749 two and a half miles south of Lumber Bridge; Founded November 21, 1958 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 8, 1978, Book 440, Page 97; Membership 69.

- * FAIRMONT, TRINITY: Corner of Trinity Street and Iona Street; Founded August 15, 1896 as a consolidation of Hopewell (1854) and Corinth (1870) Methodist Churches according to local church information; Earliest deed March 26, 1897, Book 3-X, Page 371; Membership 339.
- * LUMBERTON, ASBURY: Corner of "B" Street and Orange Street in East Lumberton; Founded about 1910 according to a printed history of Chestnut Street Methodist Church; Earliest deed October 19, 1914, Book 6-J, Page 460; Formerly East Lumberton Methodist Church, became Asbury in 1958; Membership 302.

* LUMBERTON, BRANCH STREET: Case Street near Branch Street; Founded in 1962 and organized June, 1963 according to "The Robesonian", May 23, 1971; Earliest deed September 28, 1961, Book 13-T, Page 262; Membership 145.

* LUMBERTON, CHESTNUT STREET: Corner of Chestnut Street and Eighth Street; Founded between 1787 and 1803 according to a printed history; Congregation may have been meeting in an academy building when the town was founded in 1788 according to references made by Francis Asbury; Earliest deed February 17, 1830, Book U, Page 377; Formerly Lumberton Methodist Church, became Chestnut Street in 1906; Membership 1,214.

LUMBERTON, MOUNT OLIVE: 403 Elizabethtown Road; Founded about 1876 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed September 25, 1879, Book XX, Page 697; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 174.

LUMBERTON, PINEVIEW: On State Road 211 By-Pass at Oak Street; Founded October 1, 1962 according to local church information; Prior to 1962 "The Peoples Church" according to a deed; Earliest deed May 8, 1959, Book 13-B, Page 23; Membership 71.

MAXTON, SAINT GEORGE: Community of Maxton; Founded in 1872 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed May 31, 1872, Book LL, Page 422; May have been in existence as early as 1865 according to The Maxton Centennial Booklet; Formerly Methodist Episcopal, Membership 177.

MAXTON, SAINT PAULS: Corner of Sanders Street and Florence Street; Founded in 1884 as Ashpole Mission according to local church information; (1876 on cornerstone); Became Shoe Heel Mission in 1887 and Saint Pauls by 1916; Earliest deed February, 1884, Book 3-D, Page 550; Membership 223.

MOUNT ZION: On County Road 1318 less than a mile from the Hoke County line; Founded in 1868 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 2, 1868, Book MM, Page 395; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 142.

* NEW ZION: On U.S. Highway 74 near County Road 1003 five miles west of Interstate 95; Founded in 1883 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 12, 1883, Book 3-C, Page 713; Formerly Zion Chapel Methodist Episcopal, became New Zion by November 1, 1943 according to a deed in Book 9-Q, Page 405; Membership 72.

* OLIVET: Community of Marietta; Founded about 1800 according to a local church history by Miss Helen J. Oliver; In 1794 Henry Ledbetter preached in the area while on Little Pee Dee Mission according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Olivet Church built in 1830; Earliest deed January 7, 1859, Book FF, Page 239 for land "adjoining the Mt. Olivet Church land"; Originally called Grantham's, was Mt. Olivet between 1859 and 1879; Membership 73.

- * PARKTON: On Third Street in Parkton; Founded October, 1904 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 22, 1904; Book 4-W, Page 246; Membership 102.

PEMBROKE, CALVARY: Corner of Third Street and Blaine Street; Founded as Moss Neck of the M.E. Church, South in 1893 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 3, 1893, Book 3-R, Page 8; Became Calvary by October 26, 1949, Book 10-S, Page 274; Another deed is for Pembroke M.E. Church, South, January 22, 1906, Book 4-Z, Page 368; Membership 92.

PEMBROKE, FIRST: On State Road 711 in Pembroke; Founded by 1922 according to a church deed; Earliest deed October 27, 1922; Book 7-I, Page 187; Another deed June 26, 1923, Book 7-J, Page 334; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church before 1940; Membership 175.

PEMBROKE, SAINT JAMES: On North Jones Street; Founded in 1924 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed April 24, 1908, Book 5-Q, Page 59. This lot reconveyed to original grantor December 24, 1926, Book 7-S, Page 549; Another deed May 22, 1928, Book 7-X, Page 167; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 25.

PINEY GROVE: On State Road 83 one mile north of the South Carolina State line; Founded about 1886 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed October 31, 1889, Book 3-L, Page 832; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 205.

PLEASANT GROVE: On County Road 1154 three miles east of the junction of State Road 710 and County Road 1154 about ten miles north of Rowland; Founded about 1900 according to a personal recollection; Earliest deed March 2, 1917, Book 6-Q, Page 633; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 127.

PROSPECT: On County Road 1352 near the intersection of County Roads 1352 and 1353 about five miles north of Pembroke; Founded in 1874 according to local church information; Earliest deed April 6, 1876, Book 3-G, Page 428; Another deed dated September 13, 1887, Book 3-I, Page 180 indicates an affiliation with the Methodist Protestant Church; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 775.

RED SPRINGS, NEW PHILADELPHUS: On State Road 710 four miles south of Red Springs; Founded November 7, 1959 according to local church information; Earliest deed to Board of Missions October 2, 1959; Formerly Philadelphus; Membership 116.

RED SPRINGS, RHYNE MEMORIAL: 624 West Fourth Avenue; Founded in 1902 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed March 14, 1901, Book 4-G, Page 556 for a Methodist Episcopal Church; Formerly Chapel M.E. Church; Membership 166.

- * RED SPRINGS, TRINITY: 204 East Third Avenue; Founded February 4, 1877 according to a church history which reports that W. S. Chaffin first preached at Red Springs on that date while serving on the Drowning Creek Mission; Earliest deed February 25, 1890, Book 3-M, Page 307; Red Springs Methodist Church, became Trinity by 1908; Membership 391.
- * REGAN: On County Road 1955 one mile east of the County Road 1005 in the northeastern part of the county; Traditional founding date 1783 as a campground according to local church information; Francis Asbury records preaching at "Riggins Chapel" on February 3, 1803; Earliest deed June 23, 1847, Book AA, Page 71; Membership 112.
- * ROWLAND: Corner of Bond Street and Church Street in Rowland; Founded January 31, 1903 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 9, 1902, Book 4-N, Page 102; Membership 245.

ROWLAND, CEDAR GROVE: 211 South Walnut Street; Founded in 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 1, 1893, Book 3-Q, Page 334; Possible earlier deed December 13, 1886, Book 3-H, Page 956; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 106.

- * SAINT PAULS: 400 West Broad Street in Saint Pauls; Founded in 1909 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 27, 1910, Book 5-R, Page 590; Membership 277.

SALEM: On U.S. Highway 501 two miles west of Alfordsville Cross-roads; Founded in 1886 according to a Conference history; Listed in Minutes for the Robeson Circuit in 1862 and probably used for brush arbor worship; Earliest deed December 27, 1879, Book XX, Page 777; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 133.

SANDY PLAINS: On County Road 1515 one-half mile south of the intersection of State Road 72 and County Road 1515; Founded in 1908 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 4, 1906, Book 5-C, Page 403; Formerly Blue Ridge-Atlantic M.E. Church; Membership 218.

SMITHS: On State Road 41 two and a half miles west of the Bladen County line; Founded before 1853 according to a church deed; Earliest deed February 3, 1853, Book BB, Page 634 for land joining the land of Smith's Church; Membership 45.

B. Former Churches

ASBURY: Earliest deed July 30, 1861; Book EE, Page 440; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHEL: Earliest deed February 5, 1880; Book YY, Page 130; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CENTENARY: Earliest deed August 11, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 701; Methodist Episcopal, South.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Earliest deed January 25, 1946; Book 10-A, Page 297; Methodist.

CORINTH: Earliest deed November 22, 1890; Book 3-M, Page 591; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ELROD: Earliest deed May 2, 1898; Book 3-Y, Page 259; Methodist Episcopal, South.

FAIRMONT, PLEASANT GROVE: Earliest deed October 5, 1932, Book 8-F, Page 574; Methodist Episcopal.

HAMMONS: Earliest deed October 3, 1792; Book C, Page 160; Methodist.

HATCHERS CHAPEL: Earliest deed May 28, 1952; Book 11-X, Page 136; Methodist.

HICKORY BEND: Earliest deed September 1, 1909; Book 12-J, Page 361; Methodist Episcopal.

HOPEWELL: Earliest deed November 30, 1864; Book FF, Page 238; Methodist Episcopal, South.

LUMBER BRIDGE: Earliest deed ----, 19--; Book 5-Q, Page 66; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MARSH CHAPEL: Earliest deed January 20, 1909; Book 5-O, Page 507; Methodist Episcopal.

MCDONALD: Earliest deed December 5, 1919; Book 7-B, Page 106; Methodist Episcopal, South.

MCKENDREE: Earliest deed April 15, 1904; Book 4-U, Page 376; Methodist Episcopal, South.

NEW PROSPECT: Earliest deed March 10, 1892; Book 3-O, Page 999; Methodist Episcopal.

OAK GROVE: Earliest deed April 3, 1903; Book 4-Q, Page 350; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PINE GROVE: Earliest deed June 30, 1859; Book 6-I, Page 401; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROVIDENCE: Earliest deed June 20, 1811; Book Q, Page 112; Methodist Episcopal.

PURVIS : Earliest deed March 6, 1903; Book 4-P, Page 149; Methodist.

RED BANKS: Earliest deed April 6, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 335; Methodist Episcopal, South.

RENNERT HOLY: Earliest deed April 4, 1907; Book 6-A, Page 300; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT LUKES: Earliest deed October 25, 1919; Book 6-Z, Page 150; Methodist Episcopal.

SAINT MARKS: Earliest deed July 10, 1922; Book 7-G, Page 631; Methodist Episcopal.

SALEM: Earliest deed April 9, 1830; Book U, Page 561; Methodist Episcopal, South.

THESSALONIA: Earliest deed November 26, 1880; Book 3-A, Page 207; Methodist Episcopal.

TURNERS CHAPEL: Earliest deed September 7, 1936; Book 8-J, Page 500; Methodist.

ZION: Earliest deed May 29, 1869; Book AAA, Page 696; Methodist Chrisolite.

ZION: Earliest deed January 17, 1910; Book 5-S, Page 227; Methodist.

ZION: Earliest deed January 18, 1896; Book 3-U, Page 704; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: March 18, 1882; Book 3-B, Page 578.

Methodist Episcopal, South: September 22, 1869; Book QQ, Page 330.

Methodist Episcopal, South: October 15, 1883; Book 3-C, Page 529.

Methodist Episcopal, South: August 31, 1891; Book 3-N, Page 851.

Methodist Protestant: November 29, 1911; Book 6-C, Page 42.

A. Present Churches

- * ANDREWS CHAPEL: Intersection of County Roads 1240 and 1216 two miles southeast of Roseboro; Founded about 1785 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 2, 1809 for a two acre site on which Parkers Meeting House was built; Another deed February 10, 1842, Book 26, Page 42; Preaching appointment on the Black River Circuit in 1815; Became Andrews Chapel by 1900; Membership 34.

BETHABARA: On County Road 1006 three miles east of the Cumberland County line; Founded in 1892 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 7, 1888, Book 70, Page 502; Membership 104.

BEULAH: On County Road 1414 three miles northwest of Salemburg; Founded in 1915 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 14, 1915, Book 265, Page 508; Membership 33.

BROWNING: Community of Dobbersville; Founded in September, 1885 by J. T. Kendall according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Earliest deed October 20, 1886, Book 66, Page 352 "for land upon which a church building has been erected"; Membership 195.

- * CENTENARY: Community of Harrells; Founded in 1876 according to a church deed; Earliest deed March 31, 1876, Book 42, Page 289; Membership 91.
- * CLINTON, FIRST: 208 Sampson Street; Founded by 1851 according to earliest church records; Preaching appointment on the Sampson Circuit in 1836; Earliest deed October 27, 1853, Book 32, Page 156; Membership 687.
- * CLINTON, GRACE: Corner of North East Boulevard and Smith Street; Founded April 5, 1955 according to church records; Earliest deed June 16, 1955, Book 640, Page 295; Membership 312.

COHARIE: On U.S. Highway 421 five miles north of Clinton; Founded November 21, 1965 as Coharie Mission according to local church information; Earliest deed July 26, 1976, Book 905, Page 42; Membership 57.

EPWORTH: On U.S. Highway 701 four miles south of Clinton; Founded in 1884 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed October 23, 1889, Book 74, Page 259; Formerly Kennells Chapel, became Epworth by 1913; Membership 150.

GARLAND: Corner of Third Street and Church Street in Garland; Founded November 6, 1922 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 13, 1922, Book 393, Page 6; Membership 81.

- * GOSHEN: Intersection of County Roads 1722 and 1731 two miles west of Suttontown; Founded in 1792 according to a cornerstone and local church information; Earliest deed July 25, 1836, Book 25, Page 8; The origin of this church may have been a meeting house conveyed on May 12, 1793, Book F, Page 179 in Duplin County Registry; Membership 178.

HALLS: On County Road 1414 four miles north of Autryville; Founded in 1858 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 13, 1858, Book 124, Page 64; Membership 130.
- * HOPEWELL: On County Road 1703 five miles southwest of Newton Grove; Founded for brush arbor worship in 1845 and organized in 1870 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 17, 1876, Book 43, Page 185; Membership 253.
- * JOHNSON CHAPEL: Community of Ingold; Founded in 1840 from Salem Church according to local church information; Earliest deed May 27, 1857, Book 33, Page 419; Another deed October 3, 1895, Book 88, Page 559; Formerly called Rosemary; Membership 74.

KEENER: On County Road 1746 just west of U.S. Highway 701 five miles north of Clinton; Founded August 23, 1885 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 18, 1886, Book 66, Page 266; Membership 230.

McGEE: On County Road 1311 five miles west of Clinton; Founded in 1844 according to a church deed; Earliest deed May 31, 1844, Book 28, Page 143; Membership 89.
- * MAPLE GROVE: On County Road 1635 one mile south of State Road 55 at the Johnston County line; Founded December 4, 1916 according to a church history; Earliest deed April 12, 1917, Book 290, Page 467; Deed for an earlier church may have been in Johnston County at the county line but recorded in Sampson County May 26, 1894, Book 91, Page 441; Membership 141.
- * MOUNT MORIAH: On County Road 1323 one mile south of U.S. Highway 421 ten miles west of Clinton; Founded in 1883 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 25, 1886, Book 70, Page 389; Membership 68.
- * NEWTON GROVE: Community of Newton Grove; Founded about 1870 according to a printed history; Earliest deed October 8, 1878, Book 56, Page 269; Membership 135.
- * ROSEBORO: Corner of Broad Street and North Street in Roseboro; Founded in 1829 at Bethel Academy according to a church history; Earliest deed December 15, 1836, Book 25, Page 66, Formerly called Bethel Methodist Church, became Roseboro in 1927; Membership 363.

* SALEM: On County Road 1003 three miles west of Delway; Founded by 1800 according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Francis Asbury preached in the Johnson home as early as 1787 and in other places in Sampson County between 1788 and 1795; Probably known as Johnsons Old Meeting House in 1815 when it was a preaching appointment on the Black River Circuit; Earliest deed December 23, 1828, Book 22, Page 133; Membership 35.

* SALEMBURG: Community of Salemburg; Founded November 11, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 31, 1958, Book 693, Page 169; Membership 45.

TRINITY: On County Road 1945 two miles south of Waycross; Founded in 1884 from Old Bryans Meeting House according to Historical Sketches of Churches, Duke University Library; Bryans Meeting House was a preaching appointment on the Black River Circuit in 1815; Earliest deed April 28, 1888, Book 70, Page 293 (Trustees were the same as for another deed November 20, 1875, Book 70, Page 22 and recorded November 12, 1887 for Bryans M.E. Church, South); Membership 80.

TURKEY: Faison Avenue in the Community of Turkey; Founded in 1922 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 15, 1922; Book 391, Page 308; Membership 84.

* WESLEY CHAPEL: On U.S. Highway 13 four miles east of the Cumberland County line; Founded by 1852 when it was named a preaching appointment on the Sampson Circuit; Earliest deed November 27, 1882, Book 61, Page 526; Membership 95.

B. Former Churches

CONCORD: Earliest deed December 5, 1885; Book 66, Page 566; Methodist Episcopal, South.

KINGS: Earliest deed July 22, 1927; Book 458, Page 40; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: June 12, 1844; Book 28, Page 146.

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 29, 1886; Book 74, Page 229.

Methodist Episcopal, South: August 28, 1893; Book 88, Page 517.

Methodist Episcopal, South: May 26, 1894; Book 91, Page 441.

A. Present Churches

BEAVER DAM: Just off U.S. Highway 74 west of Laurel Hill; Founded in 1880 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 1, 1967, Book 5-B, Page 105; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 72.

- * CALEDONIA: On U.S. Highway 501 two miles south of Laurinburg; Founded in 1835 according to a church deed; Earliest deed 1835 originally recorded in Richmond County January, 1836, Book O, Page 418 (Recorded in Scotland County May 24, 1945, Book AA, Page 220); Formerly named Thompson Place Methodist Meeting House; Membership 142.

COOL SPRINGS: On County Road 1326 between Scotch Grove and U.S. Highway 501; Founded about 1873 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed recorded in Richmond County February 25, 1881, Book NN, Page 381 (Recorded in Scotland County in Book H, Page 409); Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 133.

GIBSON: Corner of Church Street and McLaurin Street in Gibson; Founded in 1884 according to local church information; Earliest reference 1883 in a deed of trust Book 40, Page 354; Earliest deed November 11, 1885 recorded in Richmond County in Book QQ, Page 579; Membership 124.

JERUSALEM: On U.S. Highway 501 north of Johns; Founded about 1890 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed recorded in Richmond County October 25, 1887, Book SS, Page 485 (Recorded in Scotland County, February 21, 1953, Book S-E, Page 460); Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 90.

JOHNS: On the Johns-Maxton Road one half mile from U.S. Highway 501; Founded in 1916 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 6, 1914, Book J, Page 349; Membership 59.

LAUREL HILL: On Cameron Street in Laurel Hill; Founded in 1920 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 7, 1914, Book J, Page 467; Membership 279.

LAURINBURG, CENTRAL: Corner of Second Street and Commonwealth Street in East Laurinburg; Founded April 15, 1911 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 30, 1911, Book H, Page 568; Membership 233.

- * LAURINBURG, FIRST: Corner of Main Street and Church Street; Founded in 1872 according to an historical sketch of Laurinburg; Earliest deeds recorded in Richmond County March 12, 1877, Book BB, Page 357 and Book NN, Page 394 (This land sold in Scotland County January 19, 1917, Book K, Page 209); Formerly Laurinburg Methodist Church; Membership 1,061.

LAURINEBURG, GALILEE: 999 McGirt Bridge Road; Founded in 1872 according to local church records; Earliest deed September 10, -- recorded in Richmond County on August 9, 1887, Book SS, Page 289; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 435.

- * LAURINBURG, ST. LUKE: On Turnpike Road; Founded January 30, 1966 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 3, 1967, Book 4-Y, Page 188; Formerly Collegiate Methodist, became St. Luke in 1966; Membership 299.
- * SAINT JOHN: On State Road 79 two miles east of Gibson; Founded in 1835 according to a deed, church history and a cornerstone; Earliest deed recorded in Richmond County November 1, 1835, Book 3-M, Page 437 (Recorded in Scotland County September 12, 1962, Book 67, Page 440); Membership 189.
- * SAINT PETER: On County Road 1403 one half mile west of Wagram; Founded about 1892 according to a Conference history; Earliest deed December 21, 1912, Book BB, Page 138; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 30.

SNEADS GROVE: Community of Sneads Grove; Founded about 1874 according to a church history; Earliest deed January 17, 1889 recorded in Richmond County in Book VV, Page 20; Membership 148.

TABERNACLE: Extreme western corner of Scotland County; Founded in 1838 according to an historical marker; Earliest reference in a deed for adjoining land sold on February 20, 1883, this deed recorded in Richmond County in Book MM, Page 288; Earliest deed 1922, Book N, Page 603 recorded on April 13, 1925; Membership 121.

B. Former Churches

OLD HUNDRED: Earliest deed November 10, 1894; Book K, Page 406; Methodist Episcopal, South.

RACHELS CHAPEL: Earliest deed December 7, 1908; Book D, Page 556; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SAINT NEILL: Earliest deed February 1, 1926; Book O, Page 263; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Deeds in Other Counties

SPRINGFIELD: Earliest deed March 25, 1898; Book LLL, Page 439, Richmond County Registry; Methodist Episcopal, South.

D. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: January 8, 1907; Book F, Page 461.

Methodist Episcopal: September 7, 1908; Book D, Page 351.

Methodist Episcopal: December 12, 1908; Book D, Page 377.

A. Present Churches

CEDAR GROVE: On County Road 1321 in the Community of Gum Neck one mile east of State Road 94; Founding date reported unknown; Earliest deed January 3, 1845, Book 19, Page 183 for land whereon the meeting house then stood; Additional deed September 10, 1860, Book 33, Page 122 and October 7, 1904, Book 52, Page 169; Membership 61.

HOLLY GROVE: On County Road 1105 one mile east of the Scuppernong River; Founded in 1894 according to a church deed; Earliest deed May 15, 1894, Book 41, Page 48; Membership 20.

* WESLEY CHAPEL: Near the intersection of County Roads 1209 and 1223 near Fort Landing on Alligator Creek; Founded by 1831 according to a church deed and local church information; Earliest deed December 3, 1831, Book 19, Page 450; Another deed refers to the former name May 20, 1844, Book 19, Page 181 for Wesleyan Methodist Church; Membership 68.

* WESLEY MEMORIAL: Corner of Main Street and Church Street in Columbia; Founding date reported unknown; Earliest reference to Columbia in Conference Minutes in 1868; Earliest mention of a church in Columbia is an option to purchase land November 15, 1875, Book 29, Page 13; Earliest deed December 16, 1881, Book 29, Page 204; Membership 216.

B. Former Churches

BETHLEHEM: Earliest deed ----, 1895; Book 41, Page 550; Methodist Episcopal, South.

KILL KENNEY: Earliest deed July 17, 1917; Book 69, Page 37; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SCUPPERNONG: Earliest deed June 28, 1924; Book 75, Page 493; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SHARON: Earliest deed October 9, 1844; Book 19, Page 177; Methodist.

SHILOH: Earliest deed ----, 1833; Book 19, Page 468; Methodist.

SOUTH SHORE: Earliest deed May 11, 1897; Book 43, Page 310; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Protestant: ----, 1894; Book 41, Page 436.

Methodist Protestant: March 28, 1900; Book 47, Page 151.

A. Present Churches

COKESBURY: Intersection of County Roads 1515, 1513 and 1512 one mile west of the Warren County line; Founded in 1784 according to local church information; Earliest deeds December 28, 1839, Book 28, Page 276 and May 25, 1840, Book 28, Page 34 in Warren County Registry for land nearly adjoining the Bethany Church better known as the Log Meeting House; Membership 257.

DREWRY: Just north of the intersection of County Roads 1369 and 1366 at the Warren County line; Founded in 1922 according to Historic Vance County, Watkins; Earliest deed January 10, 1924; Book 132, Page 94; Congregation at New Hope Church merged with Drewry in 1940; A deed was given to the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Religious Society of the New Hope Meeting House on November 10, 1849, Book 30, Page 160 in Warren County Registry and the property was sold in 1944; Membership 23.

FLAT ROCK: Near the intersection of County Roads 1393 and 1374 four miles north of Henderson; Founded in 1890 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 31, 1890, Book 7, Page 710; A right of way for use of a well October 16, 1891, Book 8, Page 239; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 211.

GILLBURG: On State Road 39 at the intersection of County Road 1519 in the Community of Gillburg; Founded in 1896 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 9, 1896, Book 10, Page 509; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 212.

HARGROVES CHAPEL: On State Road 39 in the Community of Townsville; Founded in 1941 according to a Conference history and local church information; Earliest deed May 8, 1909, Book 49, Page 232 to trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Townsville which was standing at that time; A later deed July 10, 1920, Book 105, Page 326 to trustees of Hargroves Chapel M.E. Church; Membership 84.

HARRIS CHAPEL: On County Road 1126 at the intersection with County Road 1304 one mile east of the Granville County line; Founded about 1850 according to local church information; Earliest deeds for the church property were lost before registration and a quit-claim deed was given February 28, 1956, Book 331, Page 283; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 148.

HENDERSON, CITY ROAD: On North Garnett Street; Founded in 1902 according to Historic Vance County, Watkins; Earliest deed November --, 1905, Book 39, Page 210; Formerly North Henderson M.E. Church, South, became City Road in 1941; Membership 234.

* HENDERSON, FIRST: 114 Church Street; Founded in 1854 from Rock Spring church which was founded in 1811 according to Historic Vance County, Watkins; Earliest deed November 1, 1854, Book 20, Page 399 in Granville County Registry (This lot sold March 1, 1887, Book 4, Page 797 in Vance County Registry); Membership 1,500.

HENDERSON, WHITE MEMORIAL: 529 Alexander Avenue; Founded in 1903 according to local church records; Earliest deed October 22, 1901, Book 13, Page 405; Another deed May 31, 1904, Book 35, Page 445; Membership 183.

- * HERMON: On U.S. Business 158 one and a half miles east of the Granville County line; Founded in 1858 according to a church history; Earliest deed July 25, 1877, Book 31, Page 365 in Granville County Registry for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 109.

MARROWS CHAPEL: On County Road 1342 one and a half miles east of the Granville County line; Founded in 1825 from Harris Meeting House which was founded in 1778 according to local church information; Earliest deed from Alex F. Morrow and Drury F. Morrow May 16, 1849, Book 15, Page 383 in Granville County Registry for land on which the meeting house then stood; Membership 269.

MIDDLEBURG: On U.S. Highway 1-158 in the Community of Middleburg; Founded in 1881 from Twiddy's Chapel according to local church history; Earliest deed May 24, 1887, Book 6, Page 294; Land for Twiddy's Chapel was deeded July 29, 1842, Book 28, Page 447 in Warren County Registry; Membership 70.

MOUNT CARMEL: On State Road 39 one and a half miles south of Henderson; Founded May 10, 1857 according to local church information; Earliest deed May 13, 1856, Book 31, Page 647 in Warren County Registry; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 106.

- * PLANK CHAPEL: On County Road 1557 in the Bobbitt Community one mile west of the Franklin County line; Founded by tradition on July 10, 1780 according to local church information; Francis Asbury visited the home of Roger Jones at least twice between 1780 and 1790; Earliest deed December 9, 1809, Book 15, Page 56 in Franklin County Registry for land on which Plank Chapel then stood; Another deed October 1, 1836, Book 35, Page 183 in Franklin County Registry; A description and plat of the Plank Chapel property were recorded in Vance County April 20, 1904, Book 35, Page 409; Membership 331.
- * REHOBOTH: On County Road 1110 three miles south of U.S. Business 158; Founded in 1828 according to a church history; Originated as Harris Meeting House August 16, 1811, Book V, Page 329; A division in 1828 resulted in the formation of Salem Meeting House in Granville County and Rehoboth Meeting House in Vance County; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Earliest deed March 8, 1882, Book 4, Page 637; Membership 183.

SPRING VALLEY: On County Road 1317 just north of Henderson; Founded in 1904 according to local church information; Earliest deed is to the Methodist Protestant Church of Henderson December 19, 1904, Book 35, Page 506 and conveyed by them to Spring Valley M.P. Church on April 1, 1927, Book 141, Page 552; Membership 101.

TABERNACLE: On County Road 1356 one and a half miles north of State Road 39 near the Virginia State line; Founded by tradition in 1784 according to local church information; Francis Asbury visited Tabernacle in 1780; Earliest deed October 9, 1848, Book 15, Page 125 in Granville County Registry for the "house of religious worship long known as Tabernacle Church"; Membership 155.

- * UNION CHAPEL: On U.S. Business 1 two miles north of Kittrell; Founded in 1829 from Plank Chapel according to local church information and a cornerstone; Church property apparently not deeded but land conveyed for a cemetery November 21, 1895, Book 11, Page 28; Affidavit given February 13, 1947 that this party had not known of any adverse claim against this church for the past thirty years recorded in Book 252, Page 385; Membership 176.

B. Former Churches

ANTIOCH: Earliest deed January 19, 1874; Book 13, Page 384; Methodist Protestant.

HARGROVES CHAPEL: Earliest deed July 10, 1920; Book 105, Page 326; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HENDERSON: Earliest deed September 21, 1880; Book 1, Page 402; Methodist Protestant.

SAINT PAUL: Earliest deed March 21, 1893; Book 9, Page 378; Methodist Episcopal.

WESLEY: Earliest deed September 21, 1950; Book 277, Page 371; Methodist.

KITTRELL: Earliest deed January 21, 1882; Book 3, Page 532; Methodist.

KITTRELL: Earliest deed June 15, 1882; Book 1, Page 510; Methodist Episcopal, South.

KITTRELL: Earliest deed May 13, 1884; Book 3, Page 182; Methodist Protestant.

ROCK SPRING: Earliest deed September 13, 1856; Book 4, Page 613; Methodist Episcopal, South.

A. Present Churches

- * APEX: Corner of Chatham Street and Hughes Street in Apex; Founded in 1870 according to a printed history; Earliest deed August 3, 1872, Book 34, Page 578 on Raleigh-Augusta RR sold April 5, 1883; Present site November 20, 1917; Book 324, Page 39; Membership 362.
 - * CARY, FIRST: 117 South Academy Street; Founded in 1871 according to local church records; Earliest deed April 6, 1871, Book 235, Page 562, recorded March 20, 1909; Membership 1,858.
 - * CARY, WHITE PLAINS : Corner of Ralph Drive and Maynard Road; Founded October 1, 1961 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 31, 1962, Book 1506, Page 387; Membership 1,671.
 - * CARY, ST. FRANCIS : Meeting in temporary quarters; Founded by the appointment on June 10, 1981 of a minister and organized January 10, 1982 according to church records; Earliest deed June 14, 1983, Book 3137, Page 151; Membership 83.
 - * EBENEZER: 6020 Rock Quarry Road south of Raleigh; Founded May 21, 1840 according to a printed history; Earliest deed May 21, 1840, Book 15, Page 402; Membership 412.
 - * FUQUAY: 400 North Main Street in Fuquay-Varina; Founded October 13, 1903 according to local church records; Earliest deed November 7, 1902, Book 171, Page 561; Membership 496.
 - * GARNER, FIRST: On U.S. Highway 70 in Garner; Founded by 1867 according to a membership list for Cary Circuit; Named Beulah Church according to a church deed; Earliest deed May 24, 1890, Book 114, Page 238; Became Garner in 1893; Membership 1,268.
 - * GARNER, SAINT ANDREWS: Just east of U.S. Highway 401 two miles south of Raleigh; Founded January 10, 1965 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 30, 1967, Book 1781, Page 319; Formerly Southside Methodist Church; Membership 489.
- HOLLANDS: On County Road 1010 near the intersection with County Road 1006 six miles south of Garner; Founded in 1812 according to a printed history; Earliest deed March 4, 1861, Book 23, Page 683 for land whereon the church then stood; Red Meeting House built in 1812 became Hollands by 1857 when a new church was built; Membership 321.
- * HOLLY SPRINGS: Community of Holly Springs; Founded in the late 1860's and added to the Buckhorn Circuit in 1870 according to circuit records; Formerly used old high school academy property; Present site deeded March 7, 1917, Book 313, Page 450; Old church lot sold September 8, 1920, Book 406, Page 466; Membership 129.

- * KNIGHTDALE: On First Avenue in Knightdale; Founded in July, 1917 according to a printed history; Earliest deed November 26, 1917, Book 324, Page 86; Membership 388.

MACEDONIA: 5501 Holly Springs Road west of Raleigh; Founded in 1855 according to a church historian; Earliest deed March 28, 1855, Book 20, Page 797; Membership 481.

MILLEROOK: 1712 Millbrook Road north of Raleigh; Founded about 1865 according to church records; Formerly named Sidney Bethlehem; Earliest deed March 29, 1869, Book 27, Page 652 for land whereon the church then stood; Membership 968.

- * PLEASANT GROVE: 4415 Pleasant Grove Church Road six miles west of Raleigh; Founded about 1855 according to church records; May have been called Mt. Pleasant prior to 1867; Earliest deed January 10, 1867, Book 136, Page 131 and recorded on January 22, 1896; Membership 385.

RALEIGH, ASBURY: On Creedmoor Road about three miles north of U.S. 70; Founded by the appointment on June 7, 1979 of a minister and organized November 18, 1979 according to church records; Earliest deed November 2, 1979, Book 2783, Page 690; Membership 861.

RALEIGH, AVENT FERRY: 2700 Avent Ferry Road; Founded March 10, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest conveyance a lease agreement June 28, 1956, Book 1243, Page 452; Church property deeded June 11, 1959, Book 1372, Page 50; Formerly Wynnewood Park, became Avent Ferry in June, 1983; Membership 111.

RALEIGH, BENSON MEMORIAL: 4706 Creedmoor Road; Founded March 22, 1964 and named Northwest Raleigh Methodist Church according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for a parsonage July 30, 1964, Book 1606, Page 127; Became Benson Memorial on October 27, 1965 in Book 1677, Page 486; Membership 988.

- * RALEIGH, COKESBURY: 3315 Poole Road; Founded July 24, 1960 according to a printed history; Earliest deed is for a parsonage October 26, 1960, Book 1429, Page 398; Church deed October 5, 1965, Book 1681, Page 557; Membership 41.

- * RALEIGH, EDENTON STREET: Corner of Edenton Street and Dawson Street; Founded in 1811 according to a printed history; Original lot No. 215 conveyed to trustees by Willie Wm. Jones of Halifax County on March 14, 1811 exchanged for adjoining lot No. 231 on April 22, 1818, Book 2, Page 156; Formerly Asbury's Meeting Place in 1806; Membership 2,866.

RALEIGH, FAIRMONT: 2501 Clark Avenue; Founded December 5, 1937 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 31, 1938, Book 792, Page 259; Membership 1,012.

* RALEIGH, HAYES BARTON: Corner of Fairview Road and Stone Street; Founded December, 1936 according to a printed history; Earliest deed December 23, 1937, Book 756, Page 72; Membership 1,681.

* RALEIGH, HIGHLAND: Corner of Lake Boone Trail and Fidge Road; Founded January 14, 1953 according to a printed history; Earliest deed June 8, 1956, Book 1244, Page 318; Membership 1,845.

* RALEIGH, JENKINS MEMORIAL: 725 North Boylan Avenue; Founded in 1878 according to local church records; Earliest deed March 3, 1884, Book 76, Page 523 and known as Brooklyn Church; Named changed to Jenkins Memorial by 1918 according to Book 325, Page 313; Membership 146.

RALEIGH, LAYDEN MEMORIAL: Corner of U.S. Highway 401, South and Layden Street; Founded October 2, 1955 at which time a ground breaking took place; Earliest deed April 12, 1957, Book 1279, Page 335; Membership 277.

RALEIGH, LONGVIEW: 2312 Milburnie Road; Founded March 29, 1953 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 4, 1954, Book 1144, Page 315; Membership 514.

RALEIGH, SAINT JAMES: 3808 New Hope Road; Founded March 1, 1959 according to a church history; Earliest deed is for a parsonage August 3, 1961, Book 1463, Page 646; Church deed November 20, 1961, Book 1496, Page 246; Formerly Asbury, became St. James in 1960; Membership 923.

RALEIGH, SAINT MARKS: 4801 Six Forks Road; Founded March 25, 1956 according to a church historian; Earliest deed is for a parsonage August 3, 1956, Book 1247, Page 470; Church deed June 27, 1957, Book 1282, Page 489; Membership 1,867.

RALEIGH, NORTH RALEIGH: 8501 Honeycutt Road; Founded October 10, 1971 according to local church records; Earliest deed February 15, 1972, Book 2070, Page 607; Membership 619.

RALEIGH, TRINITY: 824 North Bloodworth Street; Founded in November, 1939 according to a printed history; Central Methodist recorded a deed of trust May 8, 1889, Book 107, Page 162 merged with Epworth Church whose deed is October 10, 1901, Book 163, Page 586 into Person Street Church whose deed is May 12, 1846, Book 22, Page 551 on April 7, 1942 and on September 10, 1942 became known as Trinity Church according to a deed recorded in Book 886, Page 462 Wake County Registry; Membership 660.

* RALEIGH, WESLEY MEMORIAL: 714 East Whitaker Mill Road; Founded April 9, 1950 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 1, 1951, Book 1084, Page 608; Formerly Hi-Mont Methodist Church, became Wesley Memorial in 1951; Membership 343.

RALEIGH, WESTOVER: 301 Carolina Avenue; Founded October 7, 1945 according to a newspaper article; Earliest deed March 1, 1947, Book 964, Page 300; Membership 795.

- * RALEIGH, WILSON TEMPLE: 1023 Oberlin Road; Founded in 1865 according to a printed history; Formerly Wilson's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church; Earliest deed September 9, 1873, Book 37, Page 227; Membership 298.

SOAPSTONE: On County Road 1831 west of State Road 50 six miles north of Raleigh; Founded before 1837 and named Soapstone Meeting House; Became Methodist on July 12, 1837 according to a deed recorded in Book 13, Page 38; Membership 83.

- * WAKE FOREST: South Main Street Extension in Wake Forest; Founded at the present location in 1936 according to a church history; Members trace their beginnings to Hartsfield Meeting House, Founded in 1829 and Rolesville Church built in 1859 from which the congregation moved to Wake Forest; Earliest Wake Forest deed December 20, 1880, Book 74, Page 783 (This property was sold in 1883); Fleming-Hartsfield Memorial Church deeded November 16, 1936, Book 735, Page 332; Became Wake Forest in 1937; Membership 250.

- * WENDELL: Corner of Wilson Avenue and Main Street in Wendell; Founded in 1903 according to a church history; Chartered March 31, 1906; Earliest deed November 28, 1905; Book 229, Page 278; Membership 331.

- * ZEBULON: Corner of Arendell Street and Church Street in Zebulon; Founded in 1907 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 5, 1907, Book 220, Page 495; Membership 592.

B. Former Churches

ASBURY CHAPEL: Earliest deed July 8, 1854; Book 20, Page 793; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BETHEL: Earliest deed May 16, 1808; Book U, Page 385; Methodist.

CENTRAL: Earliest deed September 1, 1887; Book 97, Page 634; Methodist Episcopal, South.

COX MEMORIAL: Earliest deed April 2, 1881; Book 62, Page 503; Methodist Episcopal.

CRABTREE: Earliest deed April 1, 1799; Book Q, Page 164; Methodist.

EPWORTH: Earliest deed October 10, 1901; Book 163, Page 286; Methodist Episcopal, South.

HARTSFIELD: Earliest deed November 5, 1829; Book 11, Page 354; Methodist.

OAKEY GROVE: Earliest deed October 13, 1886; Book 118, Page 20; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ROLESVILLE: Earliest deed November 21, 1859; Book 23, Page 103; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SOUTH HARRINGTON STREET: Earliest deed December 10, 1853; Book 20, Page 167; Methodist Episcopal, South.

STONEY HILL: Earliest deed August --, 1816; Book 1, Page 7; Methodist.

TUCKER GROVE: Earliest deed September 21, 1887; Book 120, Page 483; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WARREN COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * BETHLEHEM: On State Road 43 in the Community of Arcola; Founded in 1790 according to a church deed; Earliest deed 1790, Book 12, Page 6 for land whereon a Meeting House then stood; Originally Marshalls Chapel, became Arcola M.E. Church, South in 1892 by deed September 27, 1892, Book 58, Page 431; Bethlehem by 1906 by deed Book 72, Page 561; Membership 104.
- * DEERON: On County Road 1306 four and a half miles east of the Community of Wise; Earliest deed February 23, 1771, Book 3, Page 261 for a Meeting House on Sixpound Waters; Became Methodist related about 1776 according to local church information; Membership 55.
- * JERUSALEM: On County Road 1300 one mile south of the Virginia State line; Founded in 1773 according to local church tradition; Earliest deed may have been in 1843 but it is not recorded; Church sold land April 1, 1884, Book 50, Page 163; Earliest recorded deed March 15, 1927, Book 129, Page 63; Membership 238.
- LITTLETON: In the Community of Littleton on the Halifax County line; Founded in 1880 according to church records; Earliest deed May 12, 1880, Book 53, Page 21 for land near the church which was already standing; Earliest deed for a Methodist Protestant Church in Littleton April 24, 1897, Book 63, Page 8; Membership 151.
- * MACON: Community of Macon; Founded in 1874 according to a church deed; Earliest deed August 22, 1874, Book 39, Page 483; Formerly Pegrams Chapel deeded April 18, 1846, Book 29, Page 229; Membership 99.

NORLINA: On U.S. Highway 1 in the Town of Norlina; Founded September 10, 1910 according to a church history; Earliest deed June 23, 1911, Book 84, Page 8; Formed by members from Zion, Macon and Warren Plains Methodist Churches and originally called Community Chapel; Membership 263.

PROVIDENCE: On U.S. Highway 401 five miles south of Warrenton; Founded September, 1881 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 16, 1885, Book 52, Page 499; Membership 86.

SHADY GROVE: On State Road 58 four and a half miles north of the Franklin County line; Founded by 1818 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 19, 1818, Book 21, Page 286; Another deed November 22, 1911, Book 84, Page 199 for land whereon the church and cemetery were located; Membership 77.

SHOCCO: On County Road 1134 at the Vance County line; Founded in 1785 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 24, 1827, Book 25, Page 160 for land adjoining the old church site; Another deed may be February 26, 1775, Book 6, Page 134; Membership 121.

WARREN PLAINS: On U.S. Highway 158 one mile east of Norlina; Founded in 1889 according to a church history; Earliest deed September 30, 1890, Book 55, Page 182; Membership 105.

- * WESLEY MEMORIAL: On North Main Street in Warrenton; Founded in 1812 according to church records; Earliest deed August 26, 1812, Book 19, Page 178; A later deed December 22, 1890, Book 55, Page 385; Membership 248.
- * ZION: On County Road 1210 just off Interstate 85 near the Community of Oine; Founded in 1837 when Zion Meeting House was erected according to a church history; On December 23, 1859 two acres of land excepted for the church site in Book 31, Page 1045; Quit-claim deed August 23, 1934, Book 138, Page 276; Right of way agreement November 1, 1961, Book 193, Page 442 establishes date of original site; Membership 379.

B. Former Churches

BETHEL: Earliest deed November 3, 1888; Book 70, Page 158; Methodist Episcopal, South.

CALVARY: Earliest deed November 22, 1882; Book 48, Page 142; Methodist Protestant.

LITTLETON: Earliest deed April 24, 1897; Book 63, Page 8; Methodist Protestant.

PEGRAMS CHAPEL: Earliest deed April 18, 1846; Book 29, Page 229; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PROSPECT: Earliest deed June 7, 1889; Book 54, Page 400; Methodist Episcopal.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal, South: November 21, 1901; Book 65, Page 671.

Methodist Episcopal, South: January 17, 1911; Book 83, Page 341.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

A. Present Churches

- * CRESWELL: On Sixth Street in the Town of Creswell; Founded in 1893 according to a church deed; Earliest deed is for a Methodist Protestant Church September 6, 1893, Book 33, Page 440; Another deed May 9, 1921 is for an M.E. Church, South, Book 76, Page 590 for land on which the church then stood; These churches merged in 1939 with the M.E. Church, South property retained; Membership 58.

MACKEYS: Junction of County Roads 1300 and 1321 in the Community of Mackeys; Founded in 1908 according to local church records; Earliest deed December 1, 1908, Book 56, Page 52; An earlier deed for land in the same area deeded to the Methodist Protestant Church July 16, 1850, Book K, Page 414; Membership 58.

- * MOUNT HERMON: On County Road 1126 near the Community of Cherry; Founded in 1896 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 24, 1896, Book 62, Page 392; Formerly Methodist Protestant; Membership 191.

PLEASANT GROVE: Junction of U.S. Highway 64 and County Road 1300; Founded in 1859 according to a church deed; Earliest deed July 1, 1859, Book O, Page 405; Membership 42.

- * PLYMOUTH: Corner of Third and Adams Street in Plymouth; Founded in 1827 according to local church information; William Ormond preached at Plymouth in 1796 while on the Trent Circuit; Earliest deed August 3, 1832, Book G, Page 434; Membership 531.

- * ROPER, HEBRON: On U.S. Highway 64 in the Town of Roper; Founded in 1824 according to a church history; Earliest deed December 4, 1824, Book F, Page 201; Membership 83.

B. Former Churches

CRESWELL: Earliest deed September 9, 1893; Book 33, Page 439; Methodist Protestant.

PLYMOUTH: Earliest deed May 7, 1896; Book 36, Page 103; Methodist Protestant.

REHOBOTH: Earliest deed July 16, 1850; Book K, Page 414; Methodist Protestant.

SALEM: Earliest deed July or August 1872; Book 30, Page 522; Methodist Protestant.

SCUPPERNONG: Earliest deed September 11, 1905; Book 47, Page 596; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Protestant: August 12, 1884; Book W, Page 480.

WAYNE COUNTY

A. Present Churches

BESTON: Intersection of County Roads 1003 and 1719 one and a half miles west of the Lenoir County line; Founded about 1880 according to local church information; Earliest deed December 8, 1895, Book 69, Page 8; Membership 132.

- * BETHEL: On County Road 1705 near the Greene County line; Founded in 1800 according to a church history; May have been on Snow Hill Circuit just prior to 1840 when the church was moved to the present site; Earliest deed February 20, 1846, Book 20, Page 195; Membership 103.

BROGDEN: On U.S. Highway 117 three miles south of Goldsboro; Founded August 24, 1958 according to local church records; Earliest deed June 27, 1960, Book 530, Page 5; Membership 191.

- * EBENEZER: On U.S. Highway 70 two miles east of the Johnston County line; Founded in 1840 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 31, 1845, Book 20, Page 58; Membership 121.
- * EUREKA: On State Road 222 in the Community of Eureka; Founded in 1880 according to a church history; Earliest deed March 24, 1887; Book 58, Page 424; Formerly Beaman's Chapel; Membership 262.
- * FALLING CREEK: Intersection of County Roads 1006 and 1210 one mile north of Grantham; Founded in 1874 according to a church history; Earliest deed May 12, 1877, Book 42, Page 266; Membership 109.

FREMONT: Corner of Sycamore Street and Carolina Street in Fremont; Founded about 1861 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 25, 1869, Book 29, Page 553; Membership 318.

- * GARRIS CHAPEL: On County Road 1731 two miles south of U.S. Highway 70 one mile west of the Lenoir County line; Founded in 1909 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 10, 1952, Book 383, Page 5; Membership 127.

GOLDSBORO, AIRBORO: South Slocumb Street Extension at Harrell Street; Founded in 1954 according to local church records; Earliest deed April 12, 1955, Book 474, Page 223; Membership 111.

GOLDSBORO, DANIELS MEMORIAL: 2803 East Ash Street; Founded in 1878 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 20, 1883, Book 51, Page 76 for land "on which Daniel Chapel is situated"; Membership 387.

GOLDSBORO, JEFFERSON: Corner of Jefferson Street and Royal Avenue; Founded September 15, 1957; Earliest deed is for a parsonage October 3, 1957, Book 470, Page 528; Church property deeded March 29, 1976, Book 888, Page 641; Membership 259.

- * GOLDSBORO, NEW HOPE: 200 New Hope Road; Founded August 23, 1956 according to local church records; Earliest deed 1960, Book 530, Page 578; Membership 173.

GOLDSBORO, SAINT JOHN: 1100 North John Street; Founded in 1875 according to local church information; Earliest deed September 20, 1870 (should be 1876), Book 41, Page 303; Formerly Methodist Episcopal; Membership 23.

- * GOLDSBORO, SAINT LUKE: 1608 East Pine Street; Founded September 20, 1950 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 16, 1951, Book 364, Page 398; Membership 1,028.

- * GOLDSBORO, SAINT PAUL: Corner of Chestnut Street and John Street; Founded in 1849 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 3, 1863, Book 28, Page 161 for land whereon the church then stood; St. John Methodist Church merged with St. Paul on March 25, 1935, Book 232, Page 123; Membership 1,505.

INDIAN SPRINGS: On County Road 1744 six miles east of Seven Springs; Founded in 1853 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 16, 1853, Book 23, Page 462 (Part of this lot was sold to the Board of Education on September 25, 1912, Book 111, Page 581); Membership 30.
- * MOUNT CARMEL: Intersection of County Roads 1537 and 1545 near the Goldsboro Municipal Airport; Founded August 25, 1878 according to local church information; Earliest deed January 20, 1882, Book 49, Page 5; Membership 146.
- * MOUNT OLIVE, FIRST: Corner of Church Street and James Street in Mount Olive; Founded September 29, 1870 according to local church records; Earliest deed June 6, 1873, Book 51, Page 135 for land to which Everettsville Methodist Church was moved; Membership 554.
- * PINE FOREST: On State Road 581 near the intersection of County Road 1007 and State Road 581 two miles west of Goldsboro; Founded October 1, 1884 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 19, 1903, Book 85, Page 420; Membership 360.
- * PROVIDENCE: On County Road 1219 near U.S. Highway 13 four miles southwest of Goldsboro; Founded about 1800 according to local church information; Earliest deed August 22, 1826, Book 13, Page 142 known by the name Providence Meeting House; Membership 383.
- * SAINT JOSEPH, PIKEVILLE: On Church Street in Pikeville; Founded in 1856 according to a church deed; Earliest deed June 3, 1856, Book 37, Page 370; Church building dedicated November 21, 1856 according to Annals of Southern Methodism, Duke University Library; Another deed for land at same location given September 18, 1903, Book 83, Page 212 named Pikeville M.E. Church, South; Membership 159.
- * SALEM: On County Road 1300 two miles north of Goldsboro; Founded by 1805 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 19, 1805, Book 9, Page 42 for building a meeting house; This Meeting House is described as Salem in Annals of Southern Methodism, 1856, pp. 257-258, Duke University Library; Membership 268.

SAULSTON: Intersection of County Roads 1556 and 1572 four miles northeast of Goldsboro; Founded by 1892 according to a church deed; Earliest deed December 5, 1892, Book 63, Page 418; Membership 210.

SEVEN SPRINGS: On State Road 55 in the Town of Seven Springs; Founded by tradition prior to the Civil War according to local church information; Earliest deed April 23, 1913, Book 112, Page 382; Membership 112.

SMITH CHAPEL: On State Road 55 and County Road 1006 one mile north of the Duplin County line; Founded in 1853 according to a church history; Earliest deed November 4, 1853, Book 23, Page 175; Church building dedicated July 29, 1855 according to Annals of Southern Methodism, Duke University Library; Membership 190.

WALKER MEMORIAL: On State Road 111 one mile north of Cliffs of Neuse State Park; Founded in August, 1963 according to local church records; Earliest deed April, 1950, Book 356, Page 302 to trustees for Walker Memorial Church; Membership 75.

* WESTWOOD: On U.S. Highway 70 one and a half miles west of Goldsboro; Founded August 14, 1955 according to local church information; Earliest deed July 3, 1974, Book 856, Page 25, Membership 165.

* YELVERTON: On County Road 1058 one mile east of the Green County line; Founded in 1847 according to a church history; Earliest deed October 14, 1845, Book 20, Page 162 for land "where they shall erect a house for public worship for the M.E. Church, South to be called Yelverton's Meeting House"; Yelverton is named as a preaching place on the Trent Circuit in 1805; Membership 264.

* ZION: On State Road 111 just north of the Duplin County line; Founded in 1881 according to local church information; Earliest deed November 7, 1877; Book 43, Page 202; Membership 156.

B. Former Churches

DUDLEY: Earliest deed April 1, 1870; Book 30, Page 243; Methodist Episcopal, South.

ELM STREET: Earliest deed June 26, 1891; Book 65, Page 40; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SAINT JOHN: Earliest deed December 21, 1886; Book 56, Page 404; Methodist Episcopal, South.

JACKSON: Earliest deed August 5, 1899; Book 64, Page 764; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Earliest deed October 19, 1892; Book 66, Page 107; Methodist Episcopal, South.

PINEY GROVE: Earliest deed February 9, 1876; Book 40, Page 272; Methodist Episcopal, South.

THOMPSON CHAPEL: Earliest deed ----, 1871; Book 51, Page 302; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: December 3, 1831; Book 15, Page 293.

WILSON COUNTY

- * BLACK CREEK: Community of Black Creek; Founded in 1873 according to local church information; Earliest deed March 7, 1898, Book 50, Page 537; Membership 172.

BUCKHORN: Intersection of State Roads 581 and 42; Founded in 1856 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 14, 1856, Book 21, Page 267; Membership 207.

- * ELM CITY: On Parker Street in Elm City; Founded in 1873 on land given by Judge George Howard of Tarboro (Church and lot sold in 1884 to Primitive Baptist Church) according to local church information; Earliest deed April 9, 1884, Book 23, Page 53; Membership 223.

- * EVANSDALE: Community of Evansdale; Founded in 1913 according to local church information; Earliest deed February 24, 1914, Book 97, Page 519; Membership 196.

LUCAMA: Town of Lucama; Founded by 1908 according to positive deed identification; Earliest deed may be February 19, 1880, Book 16, Page 362; Lemly Methodist Church deed February 6, 1908, Book 81, Page 224; Membership 39.

- * MOUNT ZION: On County Road 1327 on the Nash County line; Founded by 1804 according to State Legislative Papers; Earliest deed October 5, 1921, Book 127, Page 294 (This church originally a short distance away in Nash County where the old cemetery remains); Membership 227.

- * PLEASANT GROVE: Intersection of County Roads 1129 and 1130 two miles southwest of the Nash County line; Founded in 1847 according to a church deed; Earliest deed November 8, 1847, Book 19, Page 136 in Nash County Registry and rerecorded in Wilson County November 5, 1958, Book 683, Page 621; Membership 41.
- * SIMS: Community of Sims; Founded May 23, 1920 according to a printed history; Earliest deed Septmeber 22, 1920, Book 125, Page 391; Membership 82.
- * STANTONSBURG: 300 South Main Street in Stantonburg; Founded by 1818 according to a church deed; Earliest deed September 12, 1818, Book 19, Page 533 in Edgecombe County Registry; Other deeds August 21, 1841, Book 23, Page 105 in Edgecombe County Registry and February 9, 1926, Book 161, Page 348 in Wilson County Registry; Formerly Ritter Methodist Church; Membership 369.
- * WILSON, FIRST: Corner of Tarboro Street and Green Street; Founded in September, 1853 according to local church information; Earliest deed October 23, 1858, Book 2, Page 774; Membership 1,876.
- * WILSON, WEST NASH: 2106 West Nash Road; Founded in 1959 and organized April 10, 1960 according to local church records; Earliest deed May 26, 1960, Book 723, Page 461; Membership 407.
- * WILSON, WINSTEAD: 1407 South Tarboro Street; Founded July 21, 1949 and organized December 11, 1949 according to a printed history; Earliest deed April 26, 1949, Book 377, Page 49 and named South Tarboro Street Methodist Church; Became Winstead in 1950; Membership 406.

B. Former Churches

BAREFOOTS: Earliest deed April 12, 1869; Book 17, Page 316; Methodist Episcopal, South.

BATTS: Earliest deed September 5, 1855; Book 1, Page 99; Methodist Episcopal, South.

LODGE STREET: Earliest deed February 12, 1903; Book 65, Page 324; Methodist Episcopal, South.

SARATOGA: Earliest deed January 2, 1833; Book 21, Page 253; Methodist Episcopal.

SARATOGA: Earliest deed November 5, 1902; Book 65, Page 202; Methodist Episcopal, South.

WEBB CHAPEL: Earliest deed July 6, 1881; Book 17, Page 374; Methodist Episcopal, South.

C. Unnamed Church Property

Methodist Episcopal: December 24, 1860, Book 8, Page 211.

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Earliest deed January 25, 1928, Book 23, Page 233 according
to local church information; Membership 129.

SOUTH CAROLINA, MARLBORO COUNTY, HICKORY GROVE: Founded in
1926; Earliest deed October 2, 1926, Book 39, Page 49 according
to local church information; Membership 91

VIRGINIA, GREENSVILLE COUNTY, SPRING: Founded in 1828; Earliest
deed 1826, Book 74, Page 308 according to local church information;
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